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## Special Pulley Lathe.

Upon this page we illustrate one of the most notable of special tools recently produced. It is from the Niles Tool Works, of Hamilton, Ohio, and is intended for turning pulleys, bevel and miter gears, rolls and work of a similar character, and will swing 50 inches. In designing this tool the aim has been to perfectly adapt the means to the end, and produce a tool especially adapted to pulley work. Heretofore, we believe, there has been nothing of the kind in the market. It has a cone pulley with six steps or speeds, transmitting the power through tangent gearing to the main spindle. The object of this is to obtain a maximum steadiness of speed for the work. In England the use of tangent gearing is highly esteemed, as tests have shown that it possesses the steadiness necessary for such work as cylinder boring or turning over interstices, as on the circumference of a mortise wheel. The latter is one of the most trying tests to which a machine can be subjected. In an ordinary lathe, when the tool is relieved from the cut and the opening or mortise is passing there is a jumping movement, which a lathe with tangent gearing does not show.

The driving plate is of the equalizing type, the driving power being distributed uniformly throughout the pulley, and unequal as well as lateral strains being obviated. Tool rests which slide in and out are placed on each side of the solid bed-piece. Their surfaces are graduated so that the diameter of the pulley to be turned can be correctly maintained; and in order to be able to get any degree of crowning, they can be set angularly. As the illustration shows, there is a tool on both sides of the object. The automatic feeds are not intermittent, but continuous, and can be rapidly engaged, disengaged or changed. In order to combine polishing with the machine, advantage is taken of the fact that the spindle of the cone pulley runs at a velocity so much higher than the main spindle that its speed is suitable for the purpose. In order to enable the operator to run the machine at the speed which experience has taught to be best for each pulley, every step of the cone is stamped with the number of the pulley for which the speed corresponding to that step is the most correct.

The lathe and a companion machine, the pulley borer, also specially designed by the Niles Tool Works, are said on good authority to be capable, together, of boring and turning six 48-inch pulleys (6-inch face) in a shift of 10 hours, which we think a good day's work.

**St. Louis as an Iron Center.**—The St. Louis Journal of Commerce says: The obstacles in the way of making St. Louis a great and controlling center of iron production are found in the fact that the prices of the ore, the fuel, and in some cases the transportation and hauling are all too high. As the matter stands, pig iron cannot be made here for less than \$20 or \$22 per ton; and yet it is made in North Alabama, hauled several hundred miles, and put down here as low as \$15 per ton. Unless the expenses in making iron here are reduced, the efforts to make it might as well be abandoned. It is, however, the opinion of persons who have given this important subject careful thought, that the expenses in every particular can be reduced, and the business of making iron successfully carried forward. What we need is concession on the part of the ore, the fuel-producing and the transportation interests, so as to enable the manufacturers to work at a living profit. Then, by throwing off old foggyism and bringing to bear more of energy and public spirit, the end can be accomplished. St. Louis, with all her greatness, is deficient in the two characteristics of a metropolitan city. Our leading business men, instead of adopting original and leading methods of business, are content to follow methods of other cities. Where they should be originators and leaders they are merely imitators and followers. Instead of placing business in every department upon the footing of its own intrinsic merit, they are content if they can only compete with rivals with less advantages and of fewer capabilities and resources. We let Chicago regulate our markets in grain, lumber and meat, instead of regulating it ourselves. So Pittsburgh fixes the prices of our iron and fuel, and New York of various articles, and we merely adopt them. No city can be great in progress and trade development unless its leading business minds are commanding and representative. And great results cannot be attained as long as we are content to follow the lead and dictation of others. Our position as a city justifies us in assuming leadership, and in mapping out and following the methods of business prompted both by our merits and

necessities. When we do this, we can become the great trade center, not only of the iron, but of every other leading branch of commercial business. Until we do it, we must continue to occupy in many respects a subordinate position, and one far below our advantages and opportunities.

## Salisbury Iron.

The following interesting data we take from a pamphlet reprinted from the Railroad Gazette. Nearly everyone who has been in any way connected with or interested in the mechanical departments of railroads has heard of Salisbury iron, which is made by the Barnum-Richardson Company from the ores taken from their famous old mines at Salisbury, Conn., the history of which, as well as that of the iron industry of that section of the country, was published in The Iron Age from a paper read at the American meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers by Mr. A. L. Holley.

At present there are eight furnaces which, it is claimed, are the only ones that are making genuine pure Salisbury iron. The ore which is used is obtained exclusively from the Old Hill, Davis and Chatfield mines.

are used with softer iron for wheels and also for chilled rolls.

Nos. 2 and 5 are also used a great deal for making plow castings; the harder iron is mixed with that of the lower grade to give the latter the requisite hardness. By using two different grades of iron the manufacturer is able to modify and control the quality of the castings as may be required, getting the tensile strength by the use of the softer iron and the hardness with the high iron; whereas if but one kind was used, there would be no means of making castings of any other quality than that produced by the grade of iron used.

The quality or grade of the iron produced depends largely upon the temperature of the furnace at the time it is manufactured, somewhat upon the ores used, and also on the state of the weather, and probably on some causes not fully understood. When the furnace is running cold, it produces hard or high grades of iron, and the softer irons are produced by a high grade of temperature. When it is desired to produce hard iron, therefore, an increased amount of iron ore is added with a given amount of fuel; or if soft iron is required, less ore is charged. When the iron is cast into pigs several test pieces are made, which are then broken, and from an inspection of these, and also

plosion was thought to have been spontaneous combustion. Twelve persons were killed.

## Wooden Rail for Steam Roads.

We have had several questions asked us in regard to the method of building light wooden roads on which locomotives could be used. There is at the present time considerable disposition to build such roads in regions where wood is plenty and the expense of iron cannot be borne. The construction of roads of this sort has been so far reduced to practice that the locomotive builders are announcing styles of locomotives which are especially adapted to use on wooden rails. One of these firms have prepared an interesting statement of the best timber to use in these roads and how to lay them. The kind of timber to use is of course a local question to be decided according to available supplies. It is said that the best wood is maple, laid with the heart up; hard pine is used in the South. The simplest form of wooden rail is a stringer cut in 16 to 20 feet lengths, and of such cross section as the kind of wood or weight of engine requires. Six inches square stringer is the size we would generally advise, although 5 inches face by 7 inches depth is as good.

stringer. By this plan such a part of the rail as is worn out may be removed without taking up the stringer. This maple strip may be replaced by an iron T-rail considerably lighter than would be required if laid directly on cross-ties. This is strongly recommended by the locomotive builders instead of strap iron.

A wooden rail is very slippery when wet, and hard to keep clear of snow and ice in freezing weather. On very bad curves and steep grades a wooden rail is impracticable, and iron must be used.

A locomotive has but one-half or two-thirds the power on wood that it has on iron, the friction useful for traction is less, and the flange friction is greater. Locomotives for wooden rails require to be very strongly built and to be evenly balanced; the weight should be less and the drivers larger than for the same size cylinders on iron rail.

In cases where lumber is cheap and iron very dear it may be advisable to operate a wooden road, as for instance where a cheap improvement on an ordinary country wagon road is needed. To do any considerable business on the very best wooden road that can be built will, in the words of one who has tried the experiment, "require a very rich concern." Parties using animal power for hauling on a wooden rail, if content not to greatly increase the load, may effect a very considerable saving by using a locomotive. For transportation upon a scale of any magnitude wooden roads are, however, very unsatisfactory and almost impracticable.

## Wrong Conclusions.

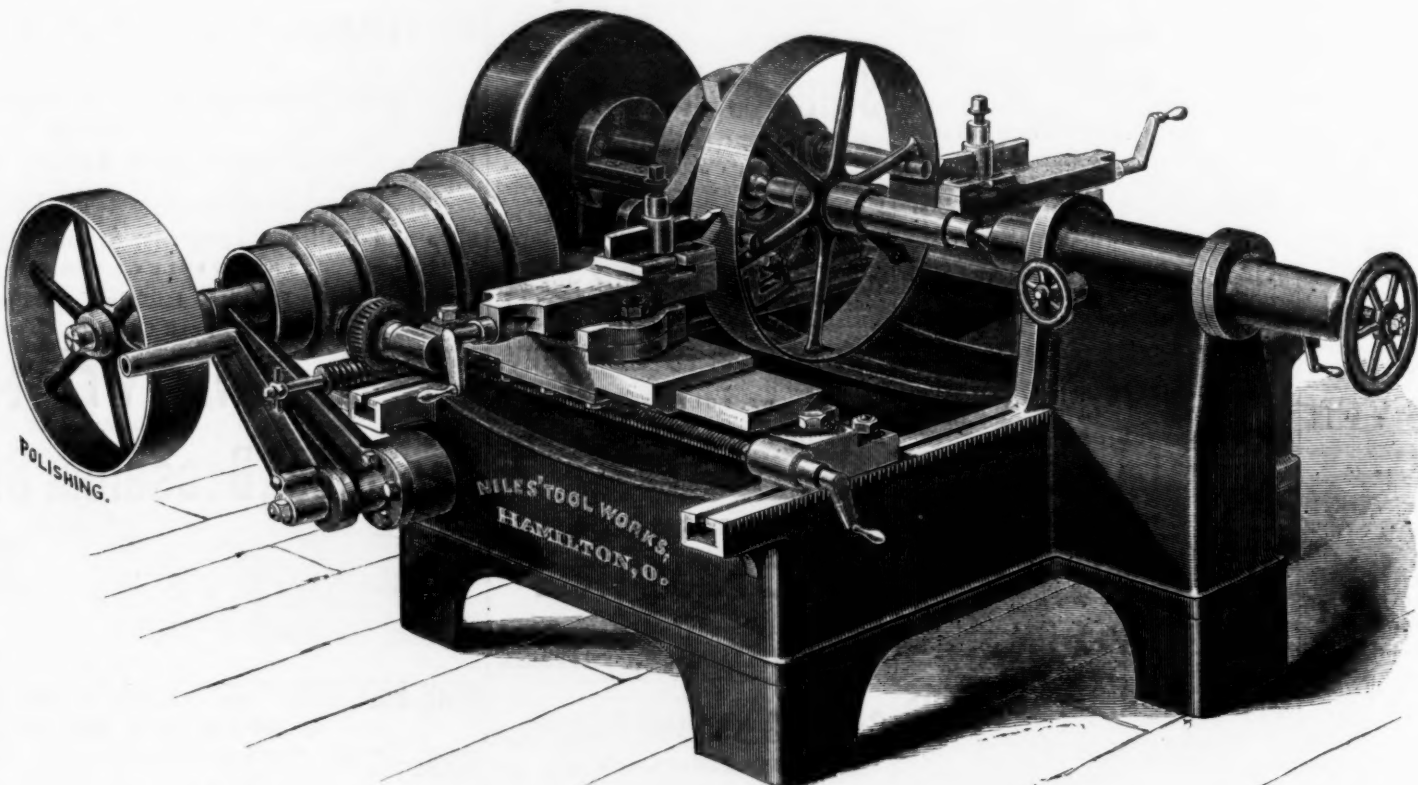
A Memphis paper has the following: "A clause ought to be added to the laws governing the running of steamboats on the Western rivers, and it should require them to be cooled down and carefully cleaned out at least once in five days during the season of high water. It is known to be a fact that the mud in boilers sometimes becomes so thick in a run from New Orleans to this point, that when the boilers cool down a stick will stand straight up in the mixture of mud and water therein; also that at times engineers are compelled to run a pole or rod up through the mud valve before the mud and water will run out after the valves are opened. Is it any wonder, then, that steamboat boilers explode? A strain such as is placed on a boiler required to generate steam to propel a heavy tow of barges up the Mississippi river against a four-mile current is very great, even when the water is comparatively free from the thick sediment and vegetable matter that settles in them after running so long a time without cleaning out. Half a dozen or more of the

explosions that have happened in this vicinity during the past 10 years may be safely attributed, not to a lack of water in the boilers, but to a surplus of mud. Require engineers to lay by after a proper time to clean out, and few disasters of this kind will be recorded."

While the facts stated show a frightfully bad engineering practice, the remedy is by no means to be found in a law which directs certain things to be done. The blow should be struck at the root of the evil. Make it a crime to allow a boiler to explode, giving damages to those injured, punishing owners or engineers with imprisonment, and boilers will not explode; for engineers, firemen and owners know how to take care of boilers, and if they were to suffer personally for the results of their carelessness, they would not be long in finding means for preventing explosions.

Official returns made to the Bureau of Statistics show that during the month ended April 30, 1878, there arrived at the port of New York 8529 immigrants, of whom 5266 were males and 3263 females. There also arrived at the port during the month, 1778 passengers, of whom 1276 were citizens of the United States and 501 sojourners. The countries or places from which the immigrants arrived were: England, 1354; Scotland, 225; Wales, 32; Ireland, 1883; Germany, 2737; Austria, 219; Sweden, 422; Norway, 146; Denmark, 311; France, 108; Switzerland, 216; Spain, 56; Italy, 159; Holland, 73; Russia, 180; Poland, 105; Hungary, 30; Cuba, 26; Central America and St. Croix, 6 each; Peru, 7; Belgium, 5; Nova Scotia and Mexico, 4 each; China, Greece, Quebec, India, and born at sea, 2 each; Portugal, Newfoundland, Honduras, New Grenada and Syria, 1 each.

According to a Paris journal the locks displayed in the American department at the Exhibition are incomparably finer and more perfect in every way than anything of the kind ever before seen in Europe, at any rate in France.



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The Old Hill bed has now been worked for over 100 years, the Chatfield for over 75, and the Davis for over 50 years. The ore is a brown hematite. The following analyses of these ores were made by Prof. C. F. Chandler of New York:

	I.	II.	III.
	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
Sesquioxide of iron	75.720	74.136	73.51
" of manganese	1.376	0.826	0.96
Silica	7.580	6.630	10.48
Sulphur	0.088	0.048	0.07
Phosphoric acid	0.032	0.504	0.57
Lime, manganese, alumina, water, &c.	15.210	13.857	14.41
Equivalent to:			
Metallic iron	53.000	54.696	51.45
" manganese	0.998	0.576	0.67
Sulphur	0.082	0.048	0.07
Phosphorus	0.014	0.219	0.25

No. I is Davis ore; II, Chatfield ore; III, Old Hill ore.

Before being smelted the ore is first broken up by a Blake's stone crusher and is then washed in what is known as a Bradford "ore washer." The washed ore is smelted with charcoal exclusively. The blast for the furnace is heated up to about 400 degrees in an oven placed above the stack.

This iron is graded as Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. No. 1 is the softest grade, of which very little is made. It will not chill, and is used for cheap, ordinary castings. No. 2 is the softest or lowest grade which is produced in any quantity. It will not chill, and is used for making malleable castings in air furnaces, and is mixed with old wheels and hard or high grades of iron for car wheels. No. 3 is a somewhat harder iron, and will chill slightly in the tread of a wheel, and is much used with harder iron in the manufacture of car wheels. No. 4 is a still harder iron, and will chill about one-half inch deep in the tread of a wheel. This grade is used almost entirely for the manufacture of car wheels. No. 4½ is much used for malleable castings in cupola furnaces, and also for car wheels mixed with lower grades or softer iron. It will chill about three-quarter inch deep. No. 5 mottled and No. 6 white iron are both very hard, and will chill to almost any desired depth. In fact No. 6 has the character of chilled iron all through. These grades

from a careful examination of the pigs themselves, the grade or number of the iron is determined.

In the manufacture of car wheels it is of the utmost importance to secure, first, the requisite strength to resist the strains and shocks to which the body of the wheel is subjected; and second, sufficient hardness in the tread and flange to stand the wear to which they are exposed.

The Salisbury iron is remarkable for possessing these qualities combined in a very high degree, and it is for this reason that it has gained its remarkable reputation and is so extensively used in the manufacture of car wheels and for other purposes in which metal of a superior quality is required. That it is a very superior iron is shown by an elaborate report made by Prof. Thurston.

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A tremendous explosion lately took place in the torpedo factory of the Russian government at Otchakoff, near Cronstadt, where several hundred men were employed at the time. The workshops, the naval laboratory and the storage house, containing in addition to torpedoes an immense quantity of pyroxiline, were blown to pieces and scattered to great distances. The concussion was felt for miles, and it was thought that the English had opened a furious bombardment. The powder was removed from the magazine of the garrison before the flames reached it. All houses within a circumference of two miles were more or less damaged. During the following day peasants brought fragments from a distance of five miles, and steamers arrived which had picked them up ten miles out at sea. The cause of the ex-

Four inches face by 6 inches depth, or 5 inches square will answer for the smallest engines built for this purpose, if the wood is good; still smaller sizes may be used by placing the cross-ties close together, say 2 feet or 2½ feet between centers; for large stringers 4 feet between centers will answer. When worn out on the top the stringer may be reversed, and when again worn may be used for ties.

The ties are easiest fitted and laid if made uniform, and of about the same size lumber as the rails; 6 inches square is heavy enough. Any cheap lumber not specially liable to decay will do. Ordinary hewn ties may be used, but not being uniform are less convenient for cutting out recesses for rails. They should be at least 3 feet longer than the width of the track between rails.

The ties must be cut out accurately and uniformly to receive the rails. The recesses should be about 3 inches deep, and be at the top face of the tie 1 inch, and at the bottom of the recess 1½ inch wider than the rail. The inner faces of the recesses are perpendicular, and the distance between them is the gauge of the track. The bottom of the recess should be level, and ties laid well to afford proper bearing for the stringer.

Wedges made of any cheap wood, or better, of ends of stuff left from rails, are driven on the outside of the rails. They are made of right shape to fit the space left; the reason for making this space wider at the bottom than at the top is to keep the wedges from working up, so that the rail may be held securely in place.

The stringers must be arranged to break joints on the ties. Both stringers should not break joint on the same tie; the stringers are sometimes sawed off diagonally instead of perpendicularly, so as to be lapped and spiked together. The lumber for a hard pine wooden road costs about \$450 per mile.

With another style of wooden road the stringer is made of hemlock or any cheap lumber, and a maple strip 4 to 5 inches wide and 2½ to 3 inches thick is spiked on to the



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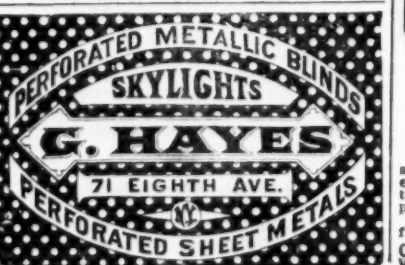
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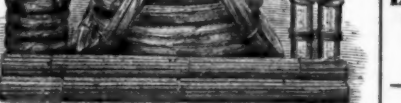
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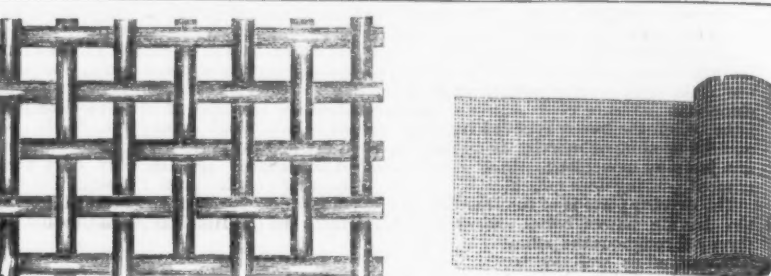
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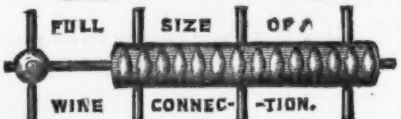
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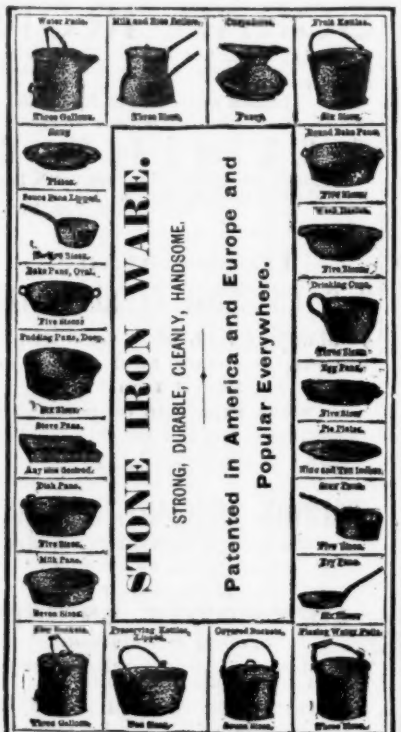
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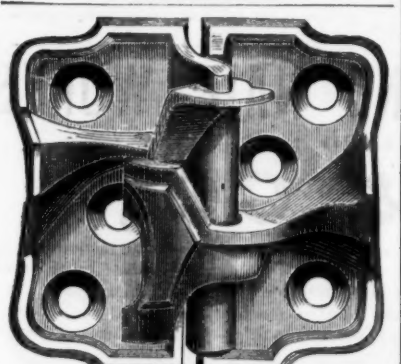
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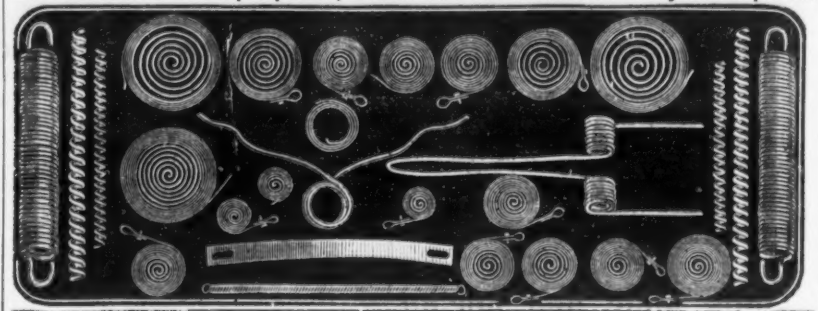
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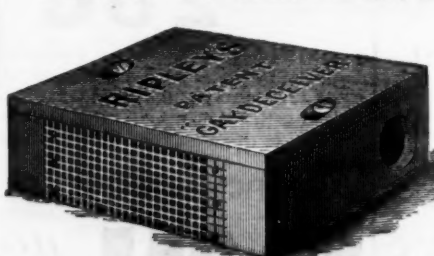
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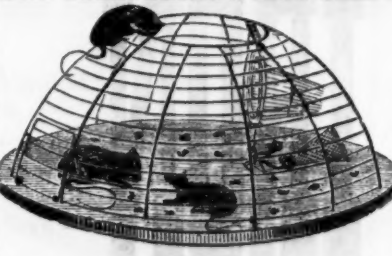
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**Deposit of Carbon in the No. 4 Crane Blast Furnace.**

In a communication to the Lafayette Chemical Society of Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., Mr. J. Gayley states that in November, 1877, the blast was taken off No. 4 furnace at the Crane Iron Works, Catsasqua, Pa., for which he is chemist, in order to place in position a new bell and to repair the arch of the gas flue leading to the boilers. The bricks forming the arch of this flue, from some cause unknown, had become disarranged to a great extent and were apparently ready to drop at any moment, so that it was found necessary to take down a portion of the furnace lining. The inner circle of fire-brick in the upper portion of the furnace was protected by a cast-iron casing, covering the exposed ends and under surfaces. At a distance of 8 feet from the furnace top, filling in between the iron casings above and the fire-brick below, was found a large deposit of carbon. This deposit did not occur in isolated spots, but rather uniformly distributed throughout the layers as far as could be observed; whether it extended to a greater depth, or the whole distance round the furnace, it was impossible to ascertain. The position of the deposit was on the front, or the side of the furnace receiving no blast, and almost directly underneath the gas flue. The courses of brick on this side of the furnace were distorted to a great extent and elevated several inches above those on the opposite side. Thus it seemed that the carbon had exerted a physical force, causing the displacement in the furnace lining and in the arch of the gas flue. No deposit was found beyond the inner circle of fire-brick, as the iron casings only extended this far. When taken from its position the mass of carbon was seen to glow, a partial combustion taking place on the surface, converting the small particles of metallic iron or lower oxides distributed throughout the mass into the peroxide. This is readily seen on examining the lumps, where on the surface small particles of the peroxide of iron are noticed gradually decreasing as we go in and finally disappearing in the interior. The carbon was found principally in the form of a powder, but occasionally aggregated into lumps. It had a uniform black color, and when rubbed on the hands resembled powdered graphite. It absorbed water readily and was slightly attracted by the magnet. The total amount of metallic iron was determined in samples taken from different portions of the mass. Two samples of the fine portion taken from different places yielded, on analysis, 4.23 and 3.23 per cent. of metallic iron. The interior of one of the lumps was also analysed; the total amount of metallic iron it contained was 2.56 per cent.; 0.35 of this existed as metallic iron, the remainder, 2.21 per cent., was combined as an oxide. The substance was free from cyanogen and chlorine. The cause of this formation was evidently due to the presence of the iron casings, as we do not find the deposit beyond the point where they extended. In the "Transactions" of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, vol. ii., Mr. Frank Firmstone called attention to a similar deposition of carbon in the blast furnace. The cause of the deposition of the carbon in the furnace at the Crane Works was doubtless the iron casings, which, when partially oxidized, effected the decomposition of the carbonic oxide in the manner first pointed out by Bell, and subsequently investigated by Gruner.

**The Ore Market.**

The Marquette Mining Journal says: If mine owners are not laying up a day of wrath for themselves in the near future it is through no fault of their own. Here we are, just in the beginning of the season, and enough ore to cover the aggregate of all sales that have been made has already been forwarded. Companies that have not sold a ton for the season's delivery have chartered vessels the same as in former years, when contracts were made before the opening of navigation, and when they were reasonably certain of a sale for any part of their product not contracted for. In the face of a depressed market, with a portion of last year's product still unsold, they have deliberately taken the position the furnace owners have long been trying to force them into—that of competition among themselves. It was formerly the practice to insist upon season contracts, so that the necessary vessel charters could be made, though the furnace owners strenuously objected to such contracts. It was, however, the only safe system for mine owners, and while objectionable in some respects the consumer was as likely to be the gainer as the loser. The ore was contracted to be delivered on the docks at Cleveland, at a certain price, extending through the season; the price was, of course, based upon the probable market value of pig iron, and if that market advanced the ore purchasers profited by it, and vice versa. The advantage to the mine owners was that of a certain sale, at a fixed price, and thus being able to secure vessel charters at more favorable rates than they might otherwise be able to obtain. The consumers, however, contended that the proper way was for mine owners to ship their product to the lower lake ports, thus placing it where they could buy at their convenience, and at the same time take advantage of a rise or fall in the price of iron. We regret to say that the mine owners have at last allowed themselves to be drawn into the trap set for them by the furnace owners of Ohio and Pennsylvania; they are pursuing the exact course which will place them at the mercy of consumers. With a large amount of unsold ore on the docks at Cleveland and Ashabula, furnacemen can higgale about the price, and, pointing to the ruinous competition they have inaugurated among themselves, solemnly aver that they cannot pay a fair price for ore and keep their furnaces in blast; and the mine owners, unless able to carry their product for an indefinite length of time, will be compelled to sell at almost any price that may be offered. For, instead of controlling the market, they permit the purchasers to do it. The mill men getting into an unhealthy competition, after having glutted the market by overproduction, fall back upon the pig iron manufacturers and

demand concessions in prices, so that they may be able to continue supplying an already over-stocked market. The furnacemen, not able to sell their product except at the figures offered by the mill men, and unable to carry it, concede the point and at once fall back upon the ore seller, and the latter has at last put himself into a position where, if he continues in his present course, he will have no other alternative than to yield the concessions that will certainly be demanded. It is all wrong; it is an unhealthy, unnatural condition of things, for which the miner is more responsible than the furnacemen. The remedy is in his own hands. Let him hold his product up to a fair price, and, if he cannot obtain it, either stop mining or else retain his ore at the mine until it is sold. If the furnacemen cannot pay a price for his ore that will leave a fair margin to the miner, and a profit for himself, let him take off the blast. He should be willing to act upon the basis of live and let live, and instead of contributing, as he now does, to the injury of the trade in all its branches, demand a fair living price for his iron—a price based upon actual cost, having due regard to a fair profit, and not one contingent upon the self-imposed necessities of the mill men. As it is, the mill men, by overproduction and a ruinous competition, destroy the market for manufactured iron, and then ask the furnace owner to share the loss; the furnace owner, rather than stop production, strives to throw the burden on the ore seller, and if he assumes it who is benefited? Manifestly, no one but the consumers of the manufactured iron. We therefore assert that the remedy is with the ore producer. If he will curtail production, and hold the ore he does mine up to a fair price, refusing to ship any of it before it is sold, the tendency will be to correspondingly curtail the make of pig iron, and that will have its effect on the mills; in other words, we mean to say that if the mill men will limit their product to a healthy demand, prices will be enhanced to the extent of enabling them to pay a price for pig metal which will take into consideration and have proper regard to the profits which should justly accrue to the producer of the raw material.

**Labor and Wages in the Lehigh Coal Field.**

The Hazleton Sentinel gives the following information on mining operations in the Lehigh region:

Yesterday we found the following places at work: Coleraine, No. 2; Jeaneville, Nos. 4 and 5; Beaver Brook, No. 2; Trescow, all; Yorktown, all; Honeybrook, No. 1. Some of the idle will work a few days next week. It is said that the complement for this month will not give as much work as was done in April, for which month we find that Coleraine No. 1 worked 11 days and 8 hours; No. 2, 5 days; Trescow worked none; Beaver Brook No. 1 worked 2 days; No. 2, 10 1/2 days; Yorktown about 9 1/2 days at both collieries; Honeybrook, 10 days at Nos. 4 and 5; none at No. 1; Jeaneville, No. 4, 5 days; No. 5, 14 days. The wages for the month of May will be the same as for April, which were as follows in Beaver Brook, which is about the general rate in the region, except the contract prices for big vein: Company miners, \$9.92 per week; inside laborers, \$8.16; general outside laborers, \$1.05 per day; platform men, \$1.20 per day; contract mining price, 79 cents per ton-two car. At another place we find 67 cents per car for big vein. In answer to our query, a Beaver Brook miner said they could "not average four cars per day, because they could not get the cars," owing, we suppose, to a surplus of miners. If we average the work of four cars per day for the 10 1/2 days worked, or 43 cars at 79 cents per car, the sum will be \$31.97, of which the miner will have left \$17.35 after paying his laborer, and from this sum his expenses will have to be taken, about \$4, which leave him about \$13.35 for 10 1/2 days work. A Coleraine miner in the Wharton vein says: "We can average six cars a day for the time we are now working, but we work when the breaker is idle preparing, so that we can make a day's wages when it works, or as near a day's wages as we can with the prices." This miner, after paying his laborer \$16.32 for two weeks' work, would have about \$27 clear of expenses for two weeks' work, which don't include the time he works when he sends out no coal. The Big Vein miners do about as well, or may be a little better, than the Wharton men. Their pay per car is not as much, but their work for the same amount of coal is a great deal easier and not so expensive, and as a general thing they can load from one to two cars per day more than the Wharton miners, "if" they can get the cars.

**Opposition of English Workmen to the Introduction of Machinery.**—Messrs. Ward & Payne, edge tool and sheep shear manufacturers of Sheffield, have given the whole of the sheep-shear forgers and grinders in their employ a month's notice to quit their service. The firm have recently paid great attention to two leading markets for sheep shears—Australia and South Africa. Both these markets require a superior class of shears. Another market, that of South America, takes an inferior, and consequently cheaper shear, which another firm make by machinery. That firm has done a large business in South America. Messrs. Ward & Payne determined to enter the market, but as it was impossible to offer hand-forged goods at the same price as these done by machinery, the grinders were required to state at what rate they would grind machine-made shears. The reduction required by the firm was indicated at 30 per cent., but the men declined to accede. Mr. Ward has arranged for the necessary machinery, and has informed the men that he is not tied to Sheffield, but that if he cannot have his work done at rates which will enable him to compete with other firms, he will transfer the trade to one of the Midland towns, probably Birmingham. The men dislike the use of machinery, and although they do not decline on this ground ostensibly, there is no doubt that with all the experience they have had of American success in manufacturing by machinery, they are still prepared to resist its introduction wherever they can.



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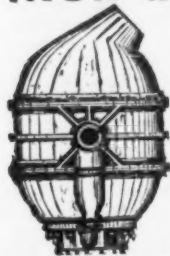
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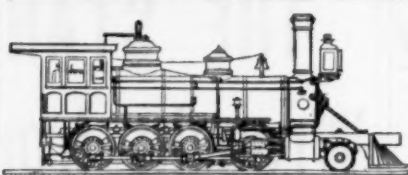
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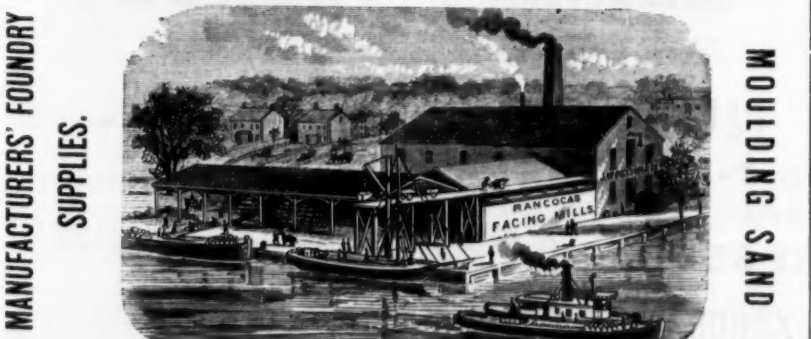
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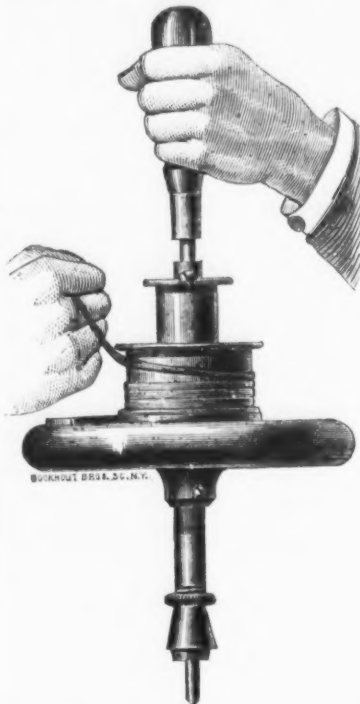
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A continuous revolving movement in one direction is thus insured for the drill, the speed varying from 500 to 1000 revolutions per minute. The necessary feed may at all times be felt, and be accordingly controlled by the hand grasping the handle. The drill may be used in any position, and drills of any kind can be inserted.

By the use of two simple attachments which are not shown in the cut, the instrument can be so arranged that it may be operated with one hand. Another attachment is provided by which the drill can be worked by hand or foot; this consists of a bracket for holding the drill, converting it into a tool similar to a small lathe. The bracket is held by inserting the bottom in the jaws of an ordinary vise. In this case the drill can be used for polishing. The tool is a very neat and effective one, and seems capable of doing a pretty wide range of work.

### New York's New Fire-Alarm Telegraph.

The new fire-alarm telegraph apparatus which has for some time past been in course of erection at Firemen's Hall, New York, is now in practical operation, and is to-day open to public inspection.

The system of telegraphy employed is a blending of the system formerly used with all the improvements added which experience and science could suggest, the whole adapted by Superintendent John H. Emrich and his deputy, J. Elliott Smith. The apparatus was built by Pierce & Jones, and cost, with the cabinets, over \$10,000. An idea of this beautiful but complex electrical machinery may be gained from the following: The fire-alarm system comprises 60 circuits of 120 wires. There are 550 street boxes and 85 points to which alarms are transmitted from headquarters, including engine and truck houses, the quarters of the Chief Engineer, Police Headquarters, the Fire-Boat Havemeyer, &c. The great bunches of wires are carried into the loft of Firemen's Hall from two enormous poles in front. In the loft are situated the "lightning arresters."

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another and a larger machine was added to meet the requirements of the service. The new transmitter is understood to be the largest and most complete ever built. By one setting of the indexes any combination of signals now in use by the department, or that may hereafter be required, may be sent out in a vastly shorter space of time than has been heretofore consumed.

There has also been added an improved automatic gong circuit tester. By its aid each of the gong circuit wires is automatically tested as to its condition, and a record made of the fact both by means of an annunciator and a registering pen in ink.

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### Combustibility of Oils.

A New England Insurance Company have issued the following circular:

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The most disastrous losses have occurred from avoidable causes. 1. The misuse and consequent breaking down of adequate apparatus; 2. The extinction of fire. 3. The breaking of unit lanterns carried by watchmen or mechanics employed in night work. 4. Spontaneous combustion (so called) caused by neglect to remove waste, or from the use of dangerous oils.

The object of the present inquiry is in respect to oil. It is believed that if the facts which have come within the cognizance of those who are in the direct charge of the factories can be collected and compared, some valuable data may be obtained from which a true theory may be constructed by scientific students. In this attempt your advice is earnestly requested, to the end that no unreasonable requirements may be made in the conduct of insurance, and that the safety of each and all may be promoted. More than one-third of all the losses of this company, since its beginning, can be traced directly to fires that have been caused by spontaneous combustion (so called) or by friction, the former being the chief cause of loss.

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We intend to submit the statements of facts that may be obtained in answer to this request to a thorough analysis by the most competent men.

Secretary Evarts has sent a circular to consular officers, requesting reports upon the following subjects: 1. The price of labor among laborers of all classes. 2. The cost of living of the laboring classes. 3. A comparison of the present cost of living and the rates of wages with that of the last year. 4. The cost of produce and its market prices. 5. The amount of paper money in circulation and its "real" value in gold and silver, together with its fluctuations during as many years as can be accurately obtained, and the causes which have produced fluctuations.

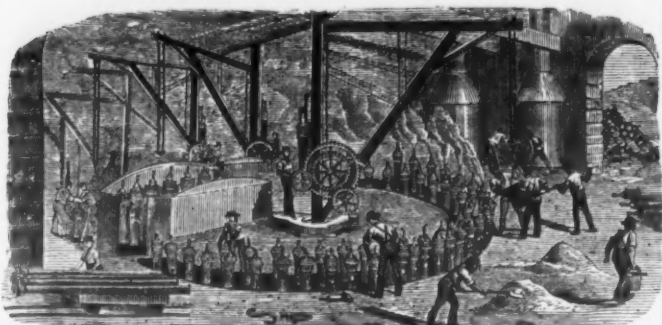


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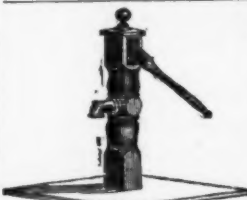
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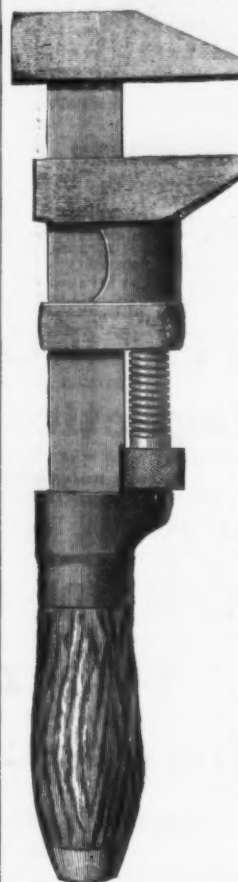
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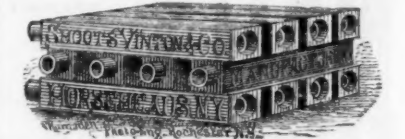
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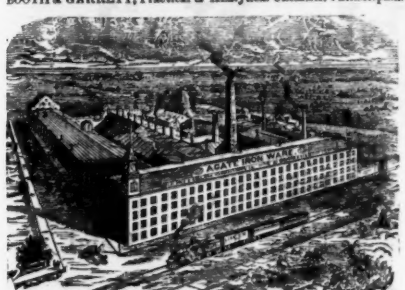


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#### On Welding.\*

The generally received theory of welding is that it is merely pressing the molecules of metal into contact, or rather into such proximity as they have in the other parts of the bar. Up to this point there can hardly be any difference of opinion, but here uncertainty begins. What impairs or prevents welding? Is it merely the interposition of foreign substances between the molecules of iron, or of iron and any other substance which will enter into molecular relations or vibrations with iron? Is it merely the mechanical preventing of contact between molecules, by the interposition of such substances? This theory is based on such facts as the following:

1. Not only iron but steel has been so perfectly united that the seam could not be discovered, and that the strength was as great as it was at any point, by accurately planing and thoroughly smoothing and cleaning the surfaces, binding the two pieces together, subjecting them to a welding heat, and pressing them together by a very few hammer blows. But when a thin film of oxide of iron was placed between similar smooth surfaces, a weld could not be effected.

2. Heterogeneous steel scrap, having a much larger variation in composition than these irons have, when placed in a box composed of wrought iron side and end pieces laid together, is (on a commercial scale) heated to the high temperature which the wrought iron will stand, and then rolled into bars which are more homogeneous than ordinary wrought iron. The wrought-iron box so settles together as the heat increases that it nearly excludes the oxidizing atmosphere of the furnace, and no film of oxide of iron is interposed between the surfaces. At the same time the inclosed and more fusible steel is partially melted, so that the impurities are partly forced out and partly diffused throughout the mass by the rolling.

The other theory is that the molecular motions of the iron are changed by the presence of certain impurities, such as copper and carbon, in such a manner that welding cannot occur or is greatly impaired. In favor of this theory it may be claimed that say 2 per cent. of copper will almost prevent a weld, while, if the interposition theory were true, this copper could only weaken the weld 2 per cent., as it could only cover 2 per cent. of the surfaces of the molecules to be united. It is also stated that 1 per cent. of carbon greatly impairs welding power, while the mere interposition of carbon should only reduce it 1 per cent. On the other hand, it may be claimed that in the perfect welding due to the fusion of cast iron, the interposition of 10 or even 20 per cent. of impurities, such as carbon, silicon and copper, does not affect the strength of the mass as much as 1 or 2 per cent. of carbon or copper affects the strength of a weld made at a plastic instead of a fluid heat. It is also true that high tool steel, containing 1½ per cent. of carbon, is much stronger throughout its mass, all of which has been welded by fusion, than it would be if it had less carbon. Hence copper and carbon cannot impair the welding power of iron in any greater degree than by their interposition, provided the welding has the benefit of that perfect mobility which is due to the fusion. The similar effect of partial fusion of steel in a wrought-iron box has already been mentioned. The inference is, that imperfect welding is not the result of a change in molecular motions due to impurities, but of imperfect mobility of the mass—not giving the molecules a chance to get together.

Should it be suggested that the temperature of fusion, as compared with that of plasticity, may so change chemical affinities as to account for the different degrees of welding power, it may be answered that the temperature of fusion in one kind of iron is lower than that of plasticity in another, and that as the welding and melting points of iron are largely due to the carbon they contain, such an impurity as copper, for instance, ought, on this theory, to impair welding in some cases and not to affect it in others.

The next inference would be that by increasing temperature we chiefly improve the quality of welding. If temperature is increased to fusion, welding is practically perfect; if to plasticity and mobility of surfaces, welding should be nearly perfect. Then how does it sometimes occur that the more irons are heated the worse they weld?

1. Not by reason of mere temperature, for a heat almost to dissociation will fuse wrought iron into a homogeneous mass.

2. Probably by reason of oxidation, which, in a smith's fire especially, necessarily increases as the temperature increases. Even in a gas furnace a very hot flame is usually an oxidizing flame. The oxide of iron forms a dividing film between the surfaces to be joined, while the slight interposition of the same oxide, when diffused throughout the mass by fusion or partial fusion, hardly affects welding. It is true that the contained slag, or the artificial flux, become more fluid as the temperature rises, and thus tend to wash away the oxide from the surfaces; but inasmuch as any iron with any welding flux can be oxidized till it scintillates, the value of a high heat in liquefying the slag is more than balanced by its damage in burning the iron.

3. But it still remains to be explained why some irons weld at a higher temperature than others; notably, while irons high in carbon or in some other impurities can only be welded soundly by ordinary processes at low heats. It can only be said that these impurities, as far as we are aware, increase the fusibility of iron, and that in an oxidizing flame oxidation becomes more excessive as the point of fusion approaches. Welding demands a certain condition of plasticity of surface; if this condition is not reached welding fails for want of contact due to mobility; if it is exceeded, welding fails for want of contact due to excessive oxidation. The temperature of this certain condition of plasticity varies with all the different compositions of irons. Hence, while it may be true that heterogeneous irons, which have different welding points, cannot be soundly

\* From a paper read by Alex. L. Holley before the Philadelphia meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers.

welded to one another in an oxidizing flame, it is not yet proved nor is it probable that homogeneous irons cannot be welded together, whatever their composition, even in an oxidizing flame. A collateral proof of this is that one smith can weld irons and steels which another smith cannot weld at all, by means of a skillful selection of fluxes and a nice variation of temperatures.

To recapitulate. It is certain that perfect welds are made by means of perfect contact due to fusion, and that nearly perfect welds are made by means of such contact as may be got by partial fusion in a non-oxidizing atmosphere or by the mechanical fitting of surfaces, whatever the composition of the iron may be within all known limits. While high temperature is thus the first cause of that mobility which promotes welding, it is also the cause, in an oxidizing atmosphere, of that "burning" which injures both the weld and the iron. Hence, welding in an oxidizing atmosphere must be done at a heat which gives a compromise between imperfect contact due to want of mobility on the one hand, and imperfect contact due to oxidation on the other hand. This heat varies with each different composition of irons. It varies because these compositions change the fusing points of irons, and hence their points of excessive oxidation. Hence, while ingredients such as carbon, phosphorus, copper, &c., positively do not prevent welding under fusion or in a non-oxidizing atmosphere, it is probable that they impair it in an oxidizing atmosphere, not directly, but only by changing the susceptibility of the iron to oxidation.

The obvious conclusions are: 1st. That any wrought iron, of whatever ordinary composition, may be welded to itself in an oxidizing atmosphere at a certain temperature, which may differ very largely from that one which is vaguely known as "a welding heat." 2d. That in a non-oxidizing atmosphere heterogeneous irons, however impure, may be soundly welded at indefinitely high temperatures.

#### Historical Notes on the Saucepan.

The history of the origin of the common saucepan is pretty well established. Probably the common gourd was the original vessel adapted to and used for heating, cooking and similar purposes, the exterior being kept moistened with water while on the fire. Cocoa-shells have been similarly used. A primitive Sumatran vessel for boiling rice was, and still occasionally is, the bamboo, kept from burning during use, as in the case of the gourd. At length cooking vessels were made of clay and metal, but they were still shaped after the gourd or pipkin, so that our present fashion is not far removed therefrom. Fosbrooke, enumerating the household utensils represented in Egyptian sculptures, remarks: "We met, too, with vessels of the precise form of modern saucepans." The common cast-iron bellied kettle or cauldron furnishes another proof of the forms of culinary vessels having undergone little or no change while passing through so many ages; its shape is precisely the same as that of the *situla*, or pot, sculptured on the obelisk of Heliopolis. The art of tinning culinary vessels, which the Gauls are said to have invented, was most likely from Phœnician sources. The Celtiberi are said to have been expert workers in iron. Their most ancient iron pot had ears and feet, and was shaped like those of the Egyptians. The cast-iron cauldrons of the Chinese are also examples. They are made very thin, and, what is singular, their mechanics have the art of soldering them, when cracked, with portions of the same metal, by means of a blow-pipe and small furnace. They are the principal article of furniture in the dwellings of the poor. The boilers of the ancient Mexicans and Peruvians had the general form. As these people had not the use of iron, their vessels were of earthenware, copper and its alloys, and even gold. Large cauldrons were common of old; they are frequently mentioned by Homer, Herodotus, &c., and in the Bible. Some of those represented at Thebes appear sufficiently capacious to contain the cooks that attend them. Croesus boiled together a tortoise and a lamb in a large brazen cauldron, which had a cover of the same metal.

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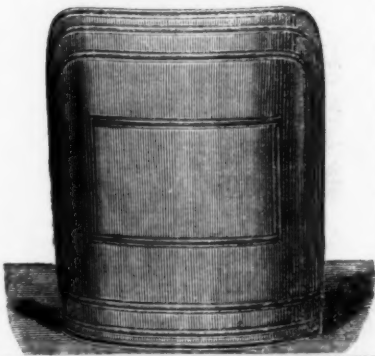
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## Failures in England and Wales.

For the following summary of the failures in England and Wales during the eleven years and three months ending March 31st last, we are indebted to Messrs. John Kemp & Co.

The table of comparison of the failures in England and Wales with those of the United States during the last eight years, together with Messrs. Kemp's advice under the present trade depression, cannot, we think, fail to be appreciated.

Year.	1st Quar. Jan. 1 to Mar. 31.	2d Quar. Apr. 1 to June 30.	3d Quar. July 1 to Sept. 30.	4th Quar. Oct. 1 to Dec. 31.	Totals.
1867.....	3,081	4,081	3,555	4,233	15,850
1868.....	4,091	4,131	4,130	3,501	15,853
1869.....	3,819	3,997	4,495	5,207	17,518
1870.....	2,804	1,589	1,773	1,985	8,151
1871.....	2,142	2,101	1,837	1,994	8,074
1872.....	2,193	1,950	1,795	2,145	8,112
1873.....	2,354	2,209	2,054	2,357	9,064
1874.....	2,193	2,428	2,339	2,390	9,350
1875.....	2,331	2,977	2,133	2,453	9,944
1876.....	2,744	2,573	2,670	2,861	10,848
1877.....	2,829	2,856	2,610	2,959	11,247
Totals for 11 years.....	31,480	30,402	28,400	31,978	122,260
1878.....	3,436	.....	.....	.....	.....

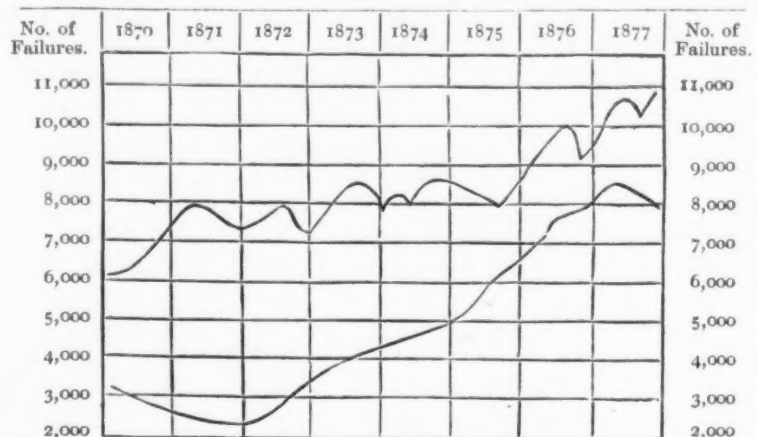
The number of failures published during each of the first three years of this period is much greater than in either of the subsequent years. We attribute these excessive numbers partly to the undue facilities afforded by the Act of 1861 for debtors to escape from their engagements, and partly to the depression of trade which commenced in the year 1866—a large proportion of the

If we make due allowance for the excessive number in the last quarter of 1869, caused by the change in the law, we find that the maximum number of failures in the last cycle occurred in the year 1868, which was the year succeeding the natural minimum; hence we may conclude that about a year is required for the full effect of the natural depression to be reproduced in commerce. The twelve months from 1st October, 1867, to 30th September, 1868, appear to have been more serious to commercial men than either of the complete years, according to the number of failures:

In the 4th quarter of 1867 there were 4,233 failures.	
In the 1st " " 1868 " 4,091 "	
In the 2d " " 1868 " 4,131 "	
In the 3d " " 1868 " 4,139 "	
Total.....	16,594

These data indicate that we have not yet reached the worst of the present period; assuming that it runs an average length, we have to endure an increasing number of failures which will not reach its maximum until the fourth quarter of 1879. In the face of such signs as these we can only counsel strict economy in every item of expenditure—extreme prudence in embarking in any new venture or in any extension of business—the utmost care in the management of credit accounts, and a patient determination to work and wait for more prosperous times.

In previous periods of depression, the evils attendant upon them and which are inevitable have been seriously augmented by the public mind becoming so alarmed as to be panic-stricken; we trust the present may prove an exception, and that as more light is thrown upon the natural causes and effects which govern such depressions, the public mind will be more composed and willing to



number published during the fourth quarter of 1869, and the first quarter of 1870, is attributable to the change in the bankruptcy law, which then took place—it may be estimated that not less than 3000 of these failures were cases in which debtors, with intentions more or less dishonest, hastened the publication of their failure in order that they might not forego the advantage which (up to the 31st December, 1869) they could take of the Act of 1861. The first three quarters of 1869 show fewer failures than the corresponding quarters of the two preceding years, and we accept this fact as evidence of a revival of trade and prosperity in that year, notwithstanding the increased total added during the fourth quarter. The years 1870-1-2, show only moderate numbers of failures; from 1873 to the present time there has been a decided increase, and the number for the first quarter of this year is greater than in any corresponding quarter since the Act of 1869 came into operation.

It is favorable testimony to the Act of 1869 that the failures under it have been fewer than under its predecessor; this testimony may however, be qualified by the more favorable state of trade which prevailed during the first eight years of its operation.

The question occurs: Does the number of failures in a year depend upon natural causes? That is to say, would the number rise and fall periodically according to the state of trade (or national prosperity) if the bankruptcy law remained constant? When ever failures have become frequent, complaints have been made against the law, and not without reason, but many who complain ignore the existence of any other cause. We compared the foregoing figures with the scientific tables recently published in *Nature*, from the pen of Prof. Balfour Stewart, and being struck with the coincidence in their fluctuations, we further compared them with the statistics published by Messrs. Dun & Co., of New York, of the failures in the United States during the past eight years, which period, being that of the existence of our present bankruptcy law, affords us a fair opportunity for making a comparison. Messrs. Dun & Co. report the following as the total failures in the United States during this period:

1870, number of failures.....	3,551
1871 ".....	2,915
1872 ".....	4,069
1873 ".....	5,183
1874 ".....	5,830
1875 ".....	7,749
1876 ".....	9,092
1877 ".....	8,822

The accompanying diagram shows the relation which these figures bear to those for corresponding years for England and Wales. Evidently the same causes which were at work in England to depress trade and overwhelm the struggling and improvident classes were equally effective in other countries; similar complaints of depression come to us from every part of the globe. [The first wavy line represents England and Wales, and the second the United States.]

The discussion which has arisen out of Dr. Hunter's suggestion of a "famine period" in India, has brought to the public some knowledge of the existence of natural periods or cycles, of an average duration of 11.9 years each. The suggestion that England is affected with the same regularity is but reasonable, and although fortunately for us as a nation the effects do not produce famine, it appears evident that some degree of suffering is caused, and that the number of failures is thereby materially increased; the commercial panics which have occurred with about the same regularity furnish further evidence that this is the case.

wait contentedly for the recurring period of prosperity.—*Ryland's Iron Trade Circular.*

## On The Manufacture of Coke from Anthracite Dust.

BY JONES WISTER

At the suggestion of a member of the Geological Survey of Pennsylvania, the writer made a number of experiments in using anthracite coal as a basis for coke. The additions of bitumen, gas tar (gas works waste) or bituminous coal were all used in the mixtures with a view to supplying the necessary cementing qualities lacking in anthracite. An ordinary backsmith's fire supplied the heat required, black lead crucibles of about one pound capacity being used to receive the mixtures. The results arrived at proved several points:

1. That any mixture varying from 50 per cent. anthracite dust and 50 per cent. bituminous dust to 75 per cent. anthracite dust, 10 per cent. gas tar or bitumen—for they are interchangeable—and 15 per cent. bituminous dust, will make a beautiful steely, lustrous, heavy coke.
2. That a heat higher than can be obtained in a coking oven is an absolute necessity to produce a good anthracite coke.
3. That in order to obtain a commercial success in producing anthracite coke, the utilization of the gas contained in the bitumen and bituminous coal must be a part of the process, at the present price of anthracite coal.

It may be interesting to state that through the kindness of the Harrisburg Gas Company the writer was enabled to make an experiment on a larger scale: 260 lbs. or 52 per cent. anthracite dust, 150 lbs. or 30 per cent. bituminous coal dust, and 90 lbs. or 18 per cent. gas tar were taken, making a charge of 500 lbs., which was placed, after thorough mixture, in three ordinary cast-iron retorts. For four hours these retorts were subjected to the bright red heat employed in making illuminating gas in iron retorts. The coke resulting was perfect, though not hard enough for blast furnace use. It was tried in a blacksmith's fire and produced a very high heat, quite equal to that of the best soft coal fire, with the advantage of making a fire free from smoke. Were it possible to make anthracite coke on a large scale equal to what can be produced in a small way, there is no doubt that the vast hills of anthracite dust now cumbering the earth near the breakers would be utilized. The following mixture will make a solid, lustrous coke, provided the anthracite coal dust is finely pulverized and the bituminous coal and gas tar are thoroughly mixed before charging, and are subjected to a white heat for about 1½ hours: 65 per cent. anthracite dust, 25 per cent. bituminous coal dust, 10 per cent. gas tar. The attendant loss of weight amounts to from 22 to 25 per cent. A good coking bituminous coal was subjected to a similar treatment as the above mixture, and the result was an inferior coke, notwithstanding the fact that some coal coked well in a blacksmith's fire.—*The Metallurgical Review.*

A cordial invitation to the American mining engineers who go to Europe during the present summer to visit the industrial districts of Germany has been extended by the Society of German Engineers, and the Prussian Minister of Commerce, Industry and Public Works. The Society of Civil Engineers of France also proffers, in graceful terms, Parisian hospitalities.



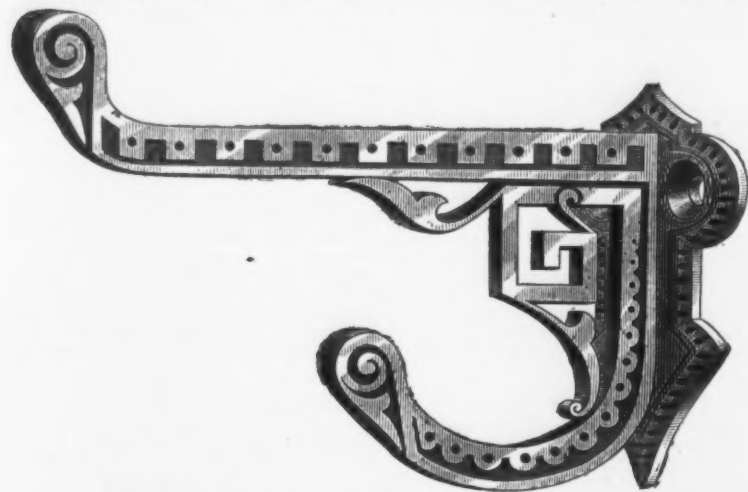
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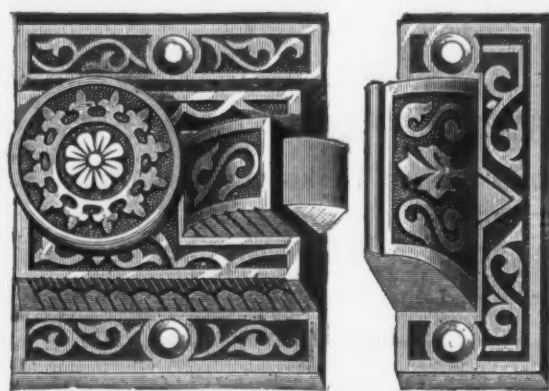
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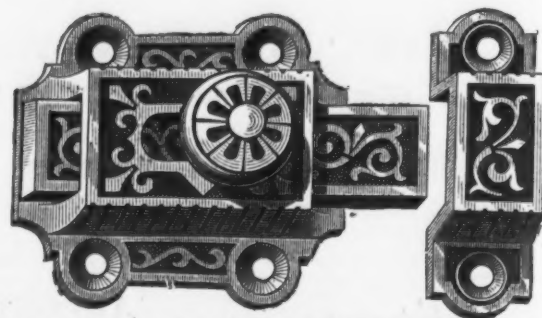
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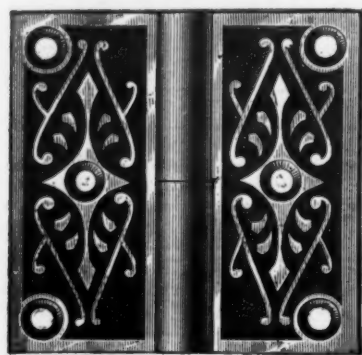
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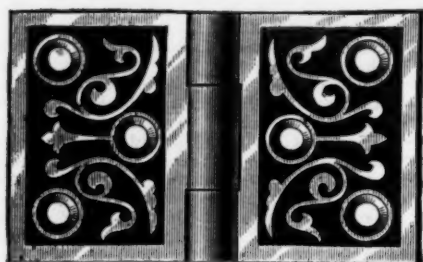
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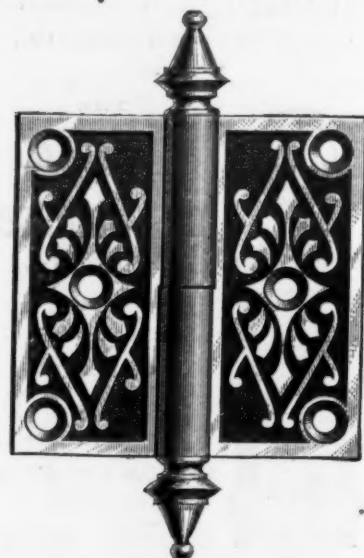
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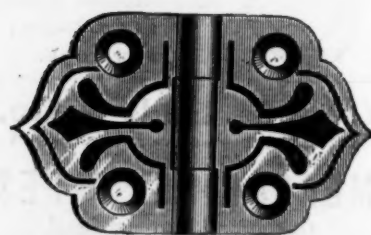
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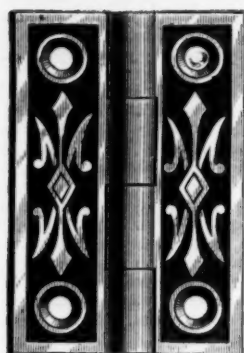
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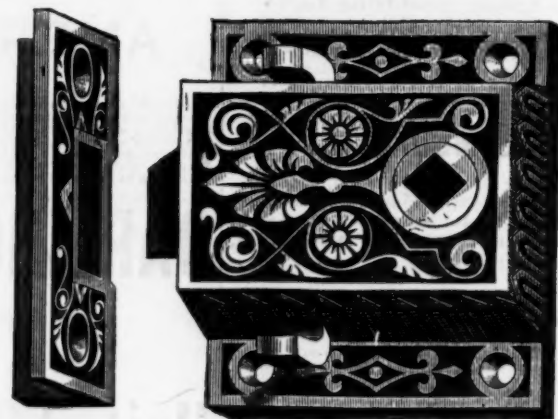
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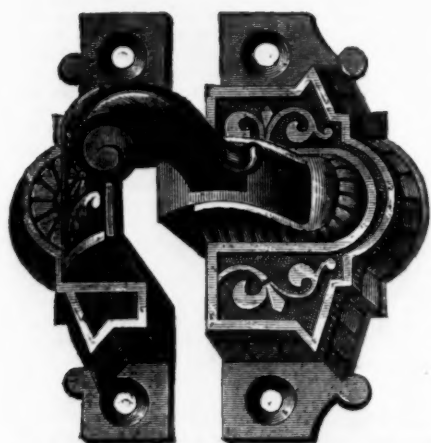
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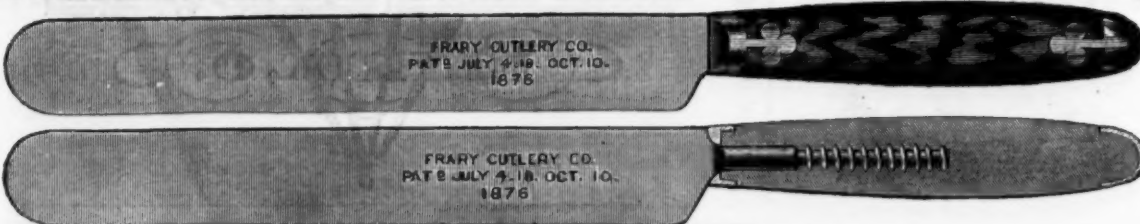
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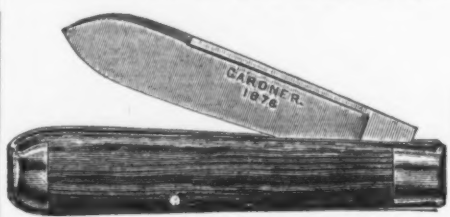
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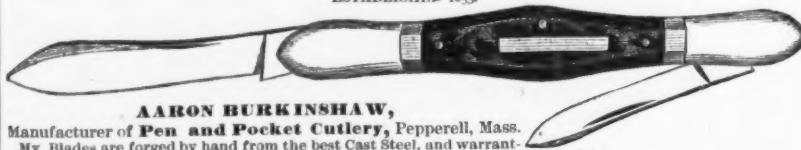
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In the discussion following a paper on this subject, read before the Institution of Naval Architects, Mr. McFarlane Gray compared the relative economy of present and former engines, showing that in former practice the boiler pressure was 25 lbs., or 40 lbs. absolute pressure, per square inch, yielding 6 horse-power for a certain quantity of coal; but that now, with 65 lbs. boiler pressure, or 80 lbs. absolute pressure, for the same quantity of coal, the result was 8 horse-power; that was to say, the pressure had been multiplied by 2, and 2 added to the 6 horse-power. And from this comparison, and from calculation, Mr. Gray inferred that "the horse-power increased in arithmetical progression, and the pressure in geometrical progression" and that "it would require 120 lbs. on the square inch to double the present efficiency, even if that pressure could be carried without additional drawback." There could be no doubt that boilers of the existing types, especially marine boilers, would not carry much higher pressures than they were now subjected to, even though the usual factor of safety might with propriety be reduced; the limited space allowable on board ship for boiler room, and the necessity of occupying that space in the most economical manner, left scarcely any choice as to the external size of each separate boiler, and the size being thus dictated, the pressure to be carried was necessarily limited by the possible thickness of the iron of the outer shell and the means of riveting it. By an extension of the heating surface in relation to the grate surface, so that the temperature of the escaping gases might be reduced to a minimum, the evaporative economy of all boilers might be made nearly the same; but a boiler having favorable disposition of the surfaces would more readily be adapted to such reduction of the temperature of the escaping gases, and the maximum efficiency could accordingly be obtained in such a boiler with the least extension of the heating surface, and therefore with the least size and weight. On this ground it was believed that important economy might be obtained by the use of water tubes.

In connection with the question of weight, which had such an important bearing upon the policy of fitting tubulous boilers for marine purposes, there were one or two points demanding consideration. When comparing the total weight of machinery of different types, it was only fair to include the weight of coal necessary for a given number of days' consumption in each case, and, regarded in this light, the tubulous boiler, by reason of its greater economy, would have some advantage. Again, if economy of weight in connection with high pressure was desired, the grate surface might be so much enlarged, in proportion to the heating surface, that abundant steam generation with small weight might be obtained, but at the cost of increased consumption. Of course this was so for all types of boilers; and it was a question of experience how to proportion the grate and heating surfaces to each other that the escaping gases might be of the most suitable temperature. In the best marine practice, boilers of the cylindrical type were now made with about three square feet of heating surface and 0.12 square foot of grate surface per indicated horse-power, that was as 25 to 1. In some examples of tubulous boilers the proportions were approximately as follows:

Name.	Indicated horse-power.	Grate surface.	Heating surface.	Grate surface per indicated horse-power.	Proportion of heating surface to grate surface.
Red Rose, ...	600	sq. ft. 72	sq. ft. 1,587	0.120	2.54
L'Actif, Belle-ville, ...	400	75	2,347	0.188	5.86
Propontis, ...	1,100	143	8,700	0.130	7.9
Montana, ...	4,500	540	21,710	0.12	4.32
Watts' Patent, ...	150	19	700	0.126	5.0
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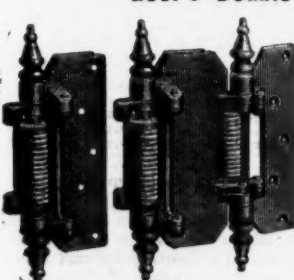
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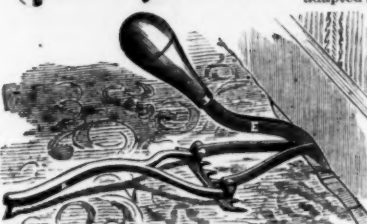
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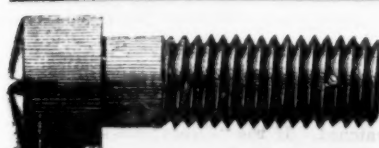
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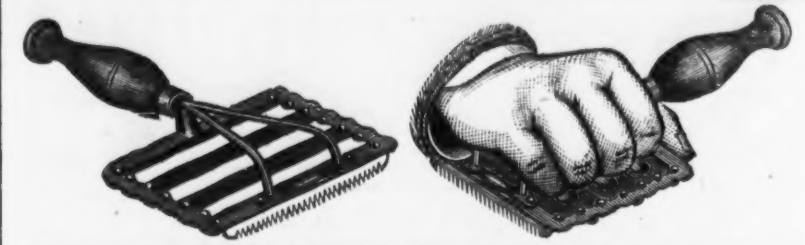
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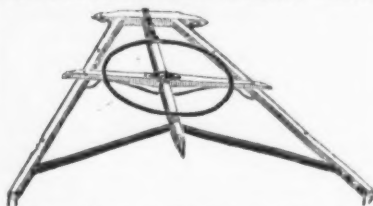


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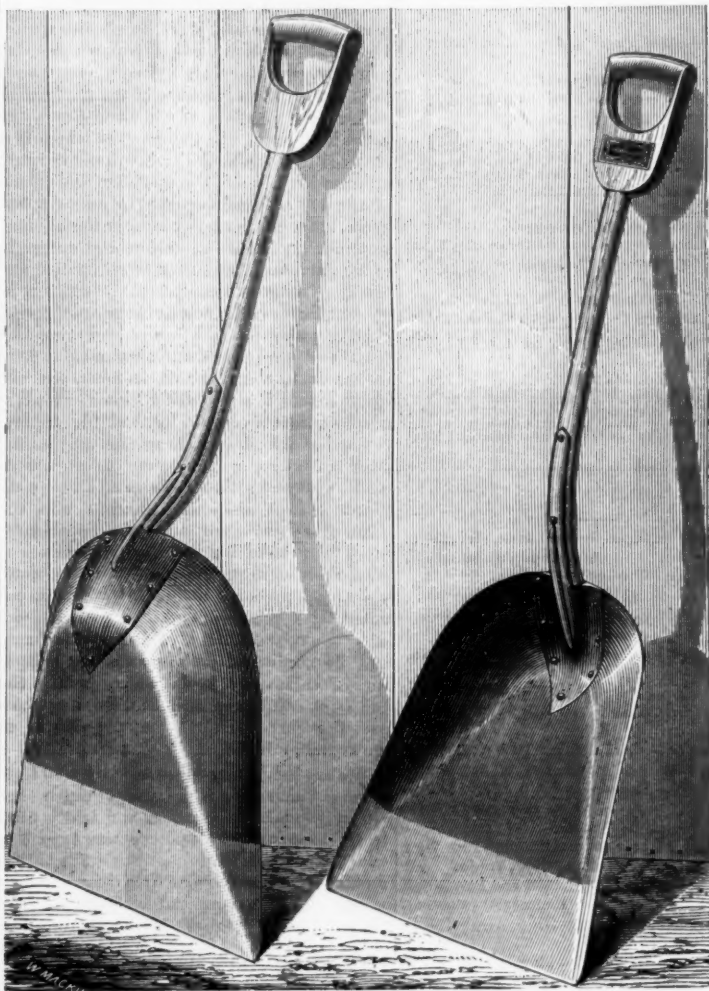


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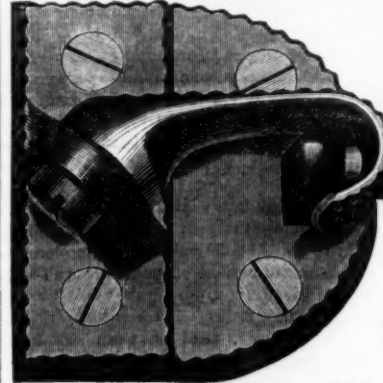
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### Telegram and Paragraph Government.

It is much to be regretted that so large a share of the power of government has fallen into the hands of the class of gentlemen who figure as resident Washington correspondents of the newspaper press. While responsible only as private citizens and acting simply as agents for the proprietors of the publications employing them, these gentlemen wield a power for good or evil which no one can estimate. Ostensibly, they are simply news gatherers. Presumably they are instructed to use due diligence to obtain early and correct information, and to forward by telegraph or mail such facts as they gather. That they exercise any editorial functions or have any voice in controlling the policy of the journals for which they correspond, is not assumed by them nor conceded by their employers. In point of fact, however, they do control the policy of the journals they write for to an extent far greater than is commonly supposed. Journalistic enterprise demands that they should furnish the earliest and fullest information on everything transpiring at the seat of government. The first and, generally speaking, the only qualification demanded for this service is an ability to generalize plausibly from imperfect data, to make a mountain of statement out of a molehill of supposition, and to supply any deficiency of fact with sensational rumors and partisan falsehoods. We have no doubt that many of these gentlemen are well-meaning, hard-working journalists, who would gladly discharge their responsible duties with intelligence and fidelity to truth; but their position is one of great difficulty and temptation. To delay sending a news item for twenty-four hours in order to verify by inquiry or investigation, would be regarded as showing a lack of enterprise. They must catch at every report which gains currency, consider it superficially, construe it so as to serve the interests of the party with which their journals are identified and dispatch it at once. In the office at which it is received it is the latest and perhaps the only information received respecting the events of the day at Washington. It may contain gross, though perhaps unintentional misstatements; it may be unjust and unfair in every particular, and may even slander and blacken some Representative, Senator or public officer whose honorable character and public services should insure him immunity from ill-considered attack and personal abuse. It is, however, the news of the hour, and the editor makes it a text for a leader or a paragraph which may do incalculable injury. A slander always travels so fast and so far that truth never completely overtakes it. And so between the telegraph and the paragraph public opinion is formed and the country is governed. No one appreciates more fully than we do the importance of newspaper enterprise. No one can more strongly deprecate the evils which are entailed by a reckless haste to gather news and an over-readiness to accept the hasty and ill-considered utterances of newspaper correspondents as facts which justify the editor in attacking and condemning whatever the correspondent may present in an unfavorable light.

We are led to these remarks by a circumstance which has come under our notice during the past few weeks, and which illustrates in a striking manner the extent to which a public man may suffer from the reckless abuse of power by a correspondent at one end of a wire and an editor at the other. On the 7th of May a motion was made in the House of Representatives to go into Committee of the Whole to consider the Tariff bill. Among those who voted aye was Hon. Wm. D. Kelley of Pennsylvania. Immediately a score of correspondents—among them those of the Philadelphia press—rushed to the telegraph office with the startling announcement that Judge Kelley had abandoned the protectionists and voted with the free traders. Upon receipt of this startling information, which should have carried its own contradiction with it, the editors of the Pennsylvania newspapers fell to writing editorials and paragraphs. Judge Kelley's political enemies exulted in his supposed treason, and his friends shook their heads and lamented that one so long and honorably identified with the cause of protection should have fallen from his high estate and betrayed his principles. The correspondents stated, the editors affirmed and the people believed that the explanation of this abandonment of principle was found in an inordinate personal vanity which made Judge Kelley more willing to vote with the free traders than to forego the privilege of making a speech, and not only his own district, but the whole State, rang with abuse of this gifted and conscientious gentleman, whose record as a friend of American industry is one of brilliant and untiring effort in the cause of protection.

Now, what are the facts of the case? The bill had been referred on the 25th of March to the Committee of the Whole, and this action was irrevocable. It must either be considered and disposed of or postponed from day to day, with the danger of being

carried over without consideration until the next session. In other words, the only possibility of killing the bill was to permit it to come up for consideration in Committee of the Whole. When thus brought up a motion to strike out the enacting clause of the bill would have been made, and votes enough to carry this point had been secured. Mr. Kelley's vote was strictly in accordance with rule 110 of the Manual (page 127), adopted November 13th 1794, and a part of the first set of rules made by Congress for the regulation of its proceedings. He could have voted in no other way without stultifying himself, as the protectionists who opposed Mr. Wood's motion and the too-ready newspaper critics have done. If the Wood tariff bill survives to plague the country through another session, it will be simply because a handful of overzealous obstructionists by factious opposition provoke Mr. Wood into withdrawing his motion to consider the bill in Committee of the Whole. Probably he would be glad of an excuse to do this. The friends of protection may well pray to be saved from such friends.

This is only one of many instances we might mention of the annoyance and wrong which good men and great men suffer at the hands of telegraphers and paragraphers. We count freedom of the press one of the bulwarks of our national liberties, and probably no citizen would consent to the abridgment of that power, but when that portion of the newspaper press represented at Washington converts itself into what General Butler with more force than elegance has described as a "forty jackass power mud-throwing machine," it is a sight calculated to make the judicious grieve. The member of Congress who is anything more than a silent ornament of an obscure seat, the responsible head of an important department, the cabinet officer and even the President, enter public life much as the bull enters the arena of the Plaza de Toros. To be unknown and useless is his only safety. The moment he takes a position which brings him into notice, that moment he is set upon by picadores, chulos and matadores, and worried with the banderillas and swords of telegrams and paragraphs, and thrust through with the spears of leading editorials. He is misrepresented, misinterpreted, slandered; his honesty is impugned, his motives questioned and his honor assailed at the bidding of the gentlemen in Washington, who are usually in too great hurry to have time for careful inquiry as to facts, and whose charges are carefully elaborated into specifications in editorial rooms remote from the scene of action. Men with tough hides and dull sensibilities may bear this without inconvenience; the ambitious and self-seeking politician may cling to office in spite of it; but the gentleman who has any fine feelings is stung and goaded into a frame of mind which unfits him for public service. To refute every misstatement concerning his acts and motives would be as idle as fighting hornets with a feather. More than one man of eminent capacity and unquestioned probity will this year decline renomination to Congress because his sensibilities and those of his family are constantly wounded by the outrageous and unwarranted attacks to which he is constantly subjected. Mr. Kelley is among this number, and although his notification to his constituents is positive and unequivocal, even that has been proclaimed to be the use of a wily politician to test the feeling in his district. Unless this needless and worse than mischievous persecution of public men ceases, gentlemen competent to sit in Congress or to discharge high and responsible functions in the government will refuse even to be candidates, or, if consenting to serve, will retire to private life after a single term—disheartened, disgusted and disappointed. We have more reason to fear the despotism of the telegraph and the paragraph, which is driving gentlemen out of public life, than to believe that the stinging lashes of ignorant criticism and unwarranted censure are needed to keep our statesmen to their duty.

### The Mining Engineers' Meeting.

The meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers last week in Chattanooga was a memorable event in the history of that society. As regards its scientific features, the meeting was less important than most of those which had preceded it. Only a few papers were read and discussed, but the time was very profitably employed in examining the features of interest in and about Chattanooga. The hospitable ironmasters and citizens of that promising young city had arranged so many excursions that but little time remained for meetings, and probably the visitors were more benefited by what they saw than they could have been by the reading of papers and by discussion. But few of the members present at the meeting had been in that part of the country. The accounts they had read of its great wealth of resources and its vast possibilities of industrial development naturally excited their curiosity and made them more eager to see the mines and iron works than to compare notes about more familiar and less interesting experiences. The unfortunate accident of extreme heat, quite unexpected so early in the season, entailed some inconveniences upon the excursionists, but all who attended the meeting were amply repaid by a better knowledge of the resources of the South and a pleasant remembrance of the hospitality of the people of Chattanooga.

### American Trade Statistics for Nine Months.

According to the statistics of the Treasury Department, there have been imported into the United States during the first nine months of the current fiscal year \$329,956,701 worth of merchandise, and re-exported \$10,446,195, leaving a net import of \$319,510,506, against an import during the corresponding period of 1876-77 of \$315,507,268, less re-export of \$9,922,004; net, \$305,585,264. On the other hand we have exported of domestic products \$522,584,420, against \$460,361,256 during the first nine months of the previous fiscal year. The following table shows the details of articles of more immediate interest to our readers:

IMPORT OF SUNDRY GOODS DURING THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 1878.	Quantity.	Value.
	Thousands of pounds, &c.	Thousands of dollars.
India rubber and gutta	10,217	3,016
Nitrate of soda, lbs.	28,200	1,057
Block tin, cwt.	110	1,861
Manufactures of brass	458	203
Bituminous coal, tons	410	1,495
Copper, ingots, lbs.	358	1,367
Copper, manufactures	258	246
Corrugated and twine, lbs.	1,035	115
Stone and china ware	19,965	3,169
Wine, glass, lbs.	17,654	745
Hemp, tons	14	1,543
Manufactures India rubber and gutta percha	111	209
Pig iron, lbs.	87,954	1,119
Castings, lbs.	80	64
Bar iron, lbs.	49,853	1,193
Sheet iron, lbs.	1,504	1,636
Old iron and scrap, tons	7	79
Leather, lbs.	12	82
Anchors and chains, lbs.	1,477	77
Machinery	504	511
Firearms	856	263
Steel, bars, sheet and wire	397	979
Cutlery	997	692
Files	99	113
Tools and saws	6	10
Other manufactures of iron and steel	1,912	1,949
Jute, tons	32	1,738
Pig lead, lbs.	7,338	387
Manufactures of lead	4,777	3,046
Other manufactures of lead	728	638
White lead, lbs.	1,182	75
Litharge	139	316
Saltpetre, lbs.	4,973	527
Bicarbonate of soda, lbs.	2,851	71
Carbonate of soda, lbs.	182,429	2,677
Caustic soda, lbs.	35,350	25,757
Acetate	112	82
Tin plates, cwt.	1,637	7,543
Tinware	44	30
Spelter, in slabs, lbs.	1,104	51
Sheet zinc, lbs.	939	53
Total	39,246	37,991

### EXPORT OF SUNDRY DOMESTIC GOODS DURING THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 1878.

	Quantity.	Value.
	Thousands of pounds, &c.	Thousands of dollars.
Fanning mills, number	125	133
Horse-powers, number	36	45
Mowers and reapers, No.	4,857	4,271
Flows and cultivators, number	14,997	10,348
Other agricultural implements	938	560
Bells	11	10
Blacksmiths' tools	79	71
Manufactures of brass	257	129
Bricks, M.	34	26
Brooms and brushes	109	123
Carpenter's tools	1,183	1,064
Carriages	721	509
Railroad cars, number	550	441
Clocks	700	730
Coal, bituminous, tons	211	206
Ditto, anthracite, tons	245	275
Copper ore, cwt.	22	114
Ditto, ingots, lbs.	7,666	11,320
Ditto, manufactures	200	183
Ditto, manufactures, lbs.	2,625	1,724
Dyestuffs	392	519
Stoneware	77	67
Gas fixtures	44	23
Glass and glassware	614	493
Glue, lbs.	116	46
Hemp, cwt.	2	14
Ditto cables, cwt.	7	106
Ditto, manufactures	769	529
Hides	760	1,834
Mfrs. of India rubber and gutta percha	208	162
Pig iron, cwt.	108	130
Bar iron, cwt.	39	61
Boiler plates, cwt.	23	39
Rails, cwt.	137	94
Sheet & hoop iron, cwt.	2	4
Castings	215	168
Car wheels, number	4	6
Stoves	115	88
Locomotives	872	450
Steam engines	90	45
Boilers	79	59
Machinery	2,983	2,010
Nails and spikes, lbs.	6,763	5,629
All other mfrs. iron	2,922	2,380
Steel in ingots, lbs.	87	103
Cutlery	41	26
Edge tools	716	510
Files and saws	31	28
Firearms	1,964	4,300
Other mfrs. tools	267	201
Lamps	208	191
Manufactures of lead	119	41
Sole leather, lbs.	21,545	19,043
Manufactures of leather	697	927
Cement, bbls.	65	31
Stone and manufactures	515	750
Matches	115	128
Scientific instruments	12	46
Musical	571	710
Crude petroleum, gals.	20,863	17,665
Naphtha, gallons	14,181	10,839
Refined petroleum, gals.	225,795	186,245
Lubricating oil, gals.	1,548	915
Residuum	80	274
Cannon	6	28
Cartridges	3,199	1,899
Gunpowder	468	617
Shot and shell, lbs.	4,559	4,432
Colors	168	136
Britannia ware	134	105
Presses and type	132	74
Quicksilver, lbs.	1,772	2,797
Scales	151	110
Sewing machines	1,374	1,212
Spirits turpentine, gals	5,345	4,799
Steam engines	1,630	1,637
Manufactures of tin	69	45
Varnish	63	41
Watches	85	54
Wooden manufactures	12,286	12,652
Zinc ore, cwt.	13	70
Sheet & slabs, lbs.	1,739	606
Total	89,553	98,003

The most notable items of increase in imports, it will be seen, are in block tin, cutlery and tin plates, while the import of white lead shows a great falling off.

Among exports there is an increase in plows and agricultural implements generally, as well as in manufactures of brass, fire-brick, carriages, glass and glassware, manufactures of hemp, of India rubber, pig iron, iron castings, locomotives, steam engines, machinery, edge tools, lubricating oil, cartridges, shot and shell, Britannia ware and spelter. There is an important decrease in anthracite coal, ingot copper, dyestuffs, firearms, morocco, marble, musical and scientific instruments, petroleum and quicksilver.

### Iron and Phosphorus.

The relations of phosphorus to iron in the metallurgical processes have gradually usurped a great share of the attention of iron smelters and metallurgists. The growing importance of the subject is chiefly due to a change in the conditions of manufacture, though, to a certain extent, it must be accounted for by the fact that the methods of estimation of phosphorus have been materially improved, so that defects in the quality of iron which were formerly either overlooked or attributed to other causes, can now be proved to arise from the presence of that troublesome element. In former times the direct process was used more extensively than now, and as the conditions of manufacture were such that most of the phosphorus was eliminated, its presence in small amounts did not give serious trouble; and although in smelting in the blast furnace the phosphorus cannot be prevented from entering into the pig metal, the refining and puddling processes generally reduced the amount in the iron to such proportions that only in rare cases was the product worthless. When, however, the modern processes of steel making were struggling for a leading position, it was found that beyond certain limits phosphorus either seriously affects the product or makes it entirely unfit for industrial purposes. Careful research revealed the fact that the quantity of phosphorus in the bath is not diminished during the operation, and as yet all attempts to reduce the amount during the process have proved unsuccessful. Nothing remained, therefore, but a cautious selection of the material, a circumstance which, under the stimulating demand for suitable grades of pig, led iron masters to search for the causes of, and examine the conditions affecting, the presence of the dangerous impurity with a view to its elimination. By examinations of the raw materials used in the production of pig iron, it was found that the main source of phosphorus is the ore itself, and that it is rarely combined with oxide of iron, but generally with lime and alumina. Two methods naturally suggested themselves for the removal of these minerals—the use either of mechanical means or of chemical reactions. The great obstacle to a successful application of the former is the circumstance that, generally, the phosphorus minerals are so minutely divided and evenly distributed that no mechanical separation is possible unless the ore is reduced to a powder. Even if it could be efficiently and cheaply done after such comminution, the fine state of the purified ore would cause difficulties in the management of the blast furnace which, as yet, have not been surmounted, though frequent attempts have been made to utilize fine ore.

Besides a great number of proposals which were never submitted to the test of practice, all the methods employed on a large scale for the dephosphorization of ore have been abandoned, chiefly because they were too costly. We see, therefore, that the elimination of phosphorus from the ores is limited to hand-sorting in the mines, applicable in rare cases, and then of limited value.

To wholly or partially eliminate phosphorus during the reduction of the ore, has been found by experiment to call for certain modifications of the process which shall give us conditions somewhat different from those which now exist in the blast furnace. The most important of these seems to be that based upon the discovery that the lower the temperature at which the ore is reduced, the smaller the amount of phosphorus carried into the metal. Therefore, the aim of inventors and investigators has been to effect the reduction at moderate heats. Recently, however, some observations were made which tend to show that very high temperatures in the blast furnaces also favorably affect the amount of phosphorus in the pig. Dr. Weddell classes the methods of reduction by which the elimination of phosphorus might be possible in the following order:

1. Separation of the reduced iron and of the gangue in a solid state.
2. Separation of the liquified gangue—the slag—from the iron which has remained solid.
3. Separation of iron from the gangue when both are in a fluid state.
4. Separation of the gangue which has remained solid from the molten iron.

The first of these methods was tried by Chenot, but it failed because it was too costly and could not be readily adapted to all circumstances. The second is represented by the direct processes, the great difficulty in connection with which has been the heavy loss of iron attending it. The third would be a modification or an addition to the smelting in the blast furnace. The attempts in this line of experiment were chiefly directed to the volatilization of phosphorus by the addition of chlorine, fluorine, bromine or cyanogen compounds; as yet, they have proved failures. The fourth can only be carried out with difficulty. Dr. William Siemens' attempts to dissolve iron reduced at a low temperature from the solid accompanying gangue by bringing it into a bath of highly carburized metal, deserves careful consideration.

The most numerous, and perhaps the most satisfactory, experiments in dephosphorization have been made with pig iron. Much attention has been directed to this subject by the careful researches of Mr. Bell concerning the relations of iron to phosphorus at the various stages of the refining and puddling processes. One requirement must ab-



solutely be met if the purified product is to be used for making steel by the Bessemer process; it must be in a molten state for future manipulation. The elimination of phosphorus by carrying phosphoric acid into the slag is possible if oxide of iron is added to the metal to be treated. For this Mr. Bell has proposed molten oxides, while Mr. Friedrich Krupp uses solid oxides and a rotative furnace. The difficulty encountered, however, is that silicon is removed at the same time and a product obtained which is unfit for the Bessemer process. Of all the means employed up to this time only two give promise of success, each of which is linked to the name of an eminent English metallurgist: that carried out by Dr. Siemens and that to which Mr. Bell has devoted his attention. The problem is one which has great interest for American ironmasters, owing to the great abundance and cheapness of ores containing enough phosphorus to make the iron undesirably cold-short. The field for investigation and experiment is certainly an inviting one, and it is to be hoped that American metallurgists will make some important contributions to our knowledge on this subject which, it must be confessed, presents many and serious difficulties.

#### Cheapening of Fuels to Iron Makers in the South and West.

The fall in price of all grades of iron has probably been more nearly offset by reductions in the cost of fuel in the South and in some parts of the West, than in the Eastern and middle States. When the Chattanooga furnace first went into operation, early in 1874, the company paid about 11 cents for a very poor coke, and the article was not obtainable during that year below 10 cents. The same furnace is now supplied with coke of much better quality at a shade above 5 cents. The time is probably not far distant when furnaces and mills will be supplied in the Chattanooga market with a washed coke at \$2 to \$2.25 per ton, and there is no question that there are several beds of coal in the South which, with the advantage of washing, will make coke equal to the best known to the iron makers of Pennsylvania. When the Chattanooga furnace paid 10 cents for coke, the mills at that point paid 11 1/4 to 13 cents for coal for heating purposes, or \$2.75 to \$3 per ton. They now procure a better coal at \$1.50 to \$1.75 per ton. Furnaces and mills located near coal banks are supplied at a good deal less than the lowest price above stated. Some furnaces and mills in the Chattanooga district and in Illinois fully expect to be able to deliver coal from their own banks at the point of consumption at a cost of \$1 per ton, or even less, during the balance of this year.

These facts probably account for the comparatively easy condition of the iron interest in the South. The cost of their fuel has decidedly been cheapened, their iron has been improved by the discovery of beds of superior ores and by the application of scientific methods of furnace management, and every item entering into the production of iron has experienced a decline verging close upon that which has been felt in the market for all kinds of crude and finished metal. These are the causes which have enabled the Chattanooga district to revive some old mills for making merchant bars, erect new mills and blow in old furnaces to a limited number, build rail mills and project steel works on a large scale. It has also enabled the makers to monopolize so much of a market as is furnished by local consumption, and to compete successfully with other districts in supplying pig and manufactured iron to the mills, foundries and large consumers of the West and Northwest.

Mr. A. L. Holley's paper "On Welding," which we print on another page, invites careful attention. Mr. Holley's utterances are always important, and his style of composition invests scientific discussion with a popular interest which in the hands of many eminent authorities it commonly lacks. Mr. Holley discusses all the phenomena of welding, and concludes that a perfect weld is due to fusion, and that imperfect welds are made by means of such contact of the surfaces united as may be got by partial fusion in a non-oxidizing atmosphere, or by the mechanical fitting of the surfaces, whatever the composition of the iron within known limits. Mr. Holley's reasoning is clear and intelligent, and it will greatly assist the practical reader to a better understanding of the theory and phenomena of welding, concerning which comparatively few workers in iron, and still fewer inventors of welding fluxes and compounds, have any clear idea.

The note by Mr. John Wister on the manufacture of coke from anthracite dust, which we reprint elsewhere from *The Metallurgical Review*, has much interest as suggesting a possible means of utilizing a waste material which is now the greater part of the mine product in anthracite mining. Mr. Wister's experimental results were very satisfactory, and he believes that if it should be found possible to make as good coke on a large scale as he has found it on a small scale, we shall at last have found a means of profitably utilizing the vast accumulations of anthracite dust surrounding the very wasteful breakers.

The series of valuable sketches by Prof. W. Mattieu Williams, entitled "Studies in Sheffield," the first of which we give on

another page, will be found of much interest. The subject specifically considered is the reason for the relative advantages of iron and steel for certain uses, and some interesting personal experiences are given. Prof. Williams is a delightful writer, and always has something to say which merits consideration from both scientific and practical readers.

#### Extract from the Swedish Tariff.

\* Iron and steel, free; coarse manufactures of iron, per cwt., 13 1/2 c. to 34 c.; all other per lb., 3/4 c. to 3 1/4 c.; some 10 per cent. and others 40c. per cwt.; cutlery, per lb., 1 1/2 c. to 13 1/2 c.; other steel manufactures, not polished, per lb., 2 1/2 c.; ditto polished, per lb., 7c.; tin in blocks and coarse manufactures, free; tinware, according to ornamentation, per lb., 3 1/4 c. to 7 1/2 c.; spelter, zinc in slabs, sheets and bolts, free; plain zinc-ware, per lb., 3/4 c.; ditto painted and lacquered, per lb., 3 1/4 c.; ditto gilt and plated, per lb., 7 1/2 c.; all ordinary metal ware, per lb., 3 1/4 c.; ditto plated and ornamented, per lb., 7 1/2 c.; needles, per lb., 5c.; platina, both in the raw state and wrought, free; machinery, parts thereof and tools, free; copper ore, ingot and coarse manufactures, free; fish hooks, free; guns and fowling pieces, per lb., 5c.; copper-ware, plain, per lb., 3 1/4 c.; ditto polished, per lb., 7 1/2 c.; shot, per lb., 3/4 c.; plain tin plate manufactures, per lb., 2 1/2 c.; ditto lacquered, per lb., 3 1/4 c.; pig and all lead not manufactured free; plain manufactures of lead, per lb., 3/4 c.; ditto painted and lacquered, per lb., 3 1/4 c.

Lead ore, free; lead pencils, per lb., 3 1/4 c.; sugar of lead, free; ocher, free; type, free; bronze powder, per lb., 3 1/4 c.; borax, free; white lead and zinc white, per lb., 3/4 c.; all other paints except indigo and cochineal, free; tin foil, per lb., 3 1/4 c.; vessels and boats with inventory, free; gas meters, 5 per cent.; glass and glassware, from 20c. per cwt. to 2 1/2 c. per lb.; optical glasses, loose or set, free; all jewelry, free; bismuth, per lb., 3 1/4 c.; earthenware, per lb., 3/4 c.; china and porcelain ware, per lb., 3/4 c. to 5c.; marble in blocks or wrought, free; quicksilver, per lb., 3 1/4 c.; all metals not named above, in the raw state, old or ready to be wrought; furthermore, sheathing and bolts for vessels, free; axle grease, per lb., 1/2 c.; sperm oil, per lb., 1/2 c.; oil cake, free; glue, per lb., 1/2 c.; gelatine and isinglass, per lb., 20c.; tallow candles, per lb., 3/4 c.; other ditto, per lb., 1 1/4 c.; wax, raw, free; sperm, raw, free; rosin, pitch and tar, free; horn and tablets thereof, free; ditto manufactured, per lb., 5c. to 13 1/2 c.; hides, skins and furs, free; prepared ditto, per lb., 1/2 c. to 27c.; in some cases, 20 per cent. additional; horsehair, per lb., 2c.; petroleum, crude, per lb., free; ditto, refined, per lb., 1/2 c.; asphaltum, free; bark, free; boneblack, per cwt., 20c.; printing ink, per lb., 1 1/4 c.; cement, free; varnish and fine glue, per lb., 2 1/4 c.; all dye woods in sticks or ground, free; brushware, per lb., 1/4 c. to 5c.; school slates and slate pencils, free; india rubber, gutta percha, free; ditto hose and buffers, free; all other manufactures thereof, per lb., 10c.

Musical instruments: pianos, each, \$10.80; grand pianos, each, \$16.20; musical boxes, per lb., 13 1/2 c.; small musical instruments, like violins, &c., each, 13 1/2 c. to 27c.; organs, 5 per cent. Copper and other wire, gilt and plated, per lb., 27c.; wire, covered with silk, &c., per lb., 5c. to 6c.; all timber, lumber, cooperage stuff and plain woodenware, free; woodenware, painted and lacquered, per lb., 1/4 c. to 7c.; furniture pays woodenware duties according to quality and 20 per cent. additional; drays and carts, each, \$1.35; sleighs, each, \$4.05; carriages, each, \$4.05 to \$27; watches in gold case, each, 27c.; ditto, with other cases, 14c.; ships' chronometers, each, 27c.; watch and clock cases, metal, per lb., 7 1/2 c.; ditto, wood, per lb., 5c.; clock movements, per lb., 20c.; potash, free; saltpeter, soda and nitrate of soda, free; emery, free; stearine, per lb.; tallow, free; coal, coal tar and coke, free; turpentine, free; spirits of ditto, per lb., 3/4 c.; sulphur and manufactures, free; starch and maize, per lb., 1 1/2 c.; hemp and jute, free.

#### The Elevated Railroads.

The New York Elevated Railway, east side, as we learn officially through Mr. Cowling, will commence running next Monday to Thirty-fourth street on a double track, and a month hence will operate the entire line to Forty-second street. There have been received already 21 engines and 39 cars, and 70 more cars are building by Gilbert, Bush & Co., of Troy, and the Springfield Car Company. The route here referred to is via Pearl street, the Bowery and Third avenue. The west side, comprising the original Greenwich street line (now made a double track), is not so far advanced.

The Gilbert road, through New Church, Chambers, West Broadway and Sixth avenue, is clearing up the track with the intention of putting on trains to-day (Thursday) so as to adjust the time table, regulating the starts and stops, and on Monday next will run on regular schedule time. This event is regarded by New Yorkers with deep interest, judging from the inquiries made. There have been received of the rolling stock 18 engines and 50 cars, out of 40 engines and 60 cars included in the contract.

A striking feature in the equipment is Hall's electric signal, operated by the motion of the train, so that as the cars approach each station an iron arm 5 feet in length is thrust out, red signifying "danger" and green "safety." This is done by the motion of the wheel on the battery. At night the signals are colored glass.

The switch platform and levers, located in New Church street below Trinity Church, are also worthy of notice. From a platform only a few feet square is a series of sixteen levers, all numbered to correspond with the various switches below, where all the engines are shifted from end to end, and all are manipulated by one man.

The great job of laying the "guard rails"

\* The Swedish coin is the same as the Danish. We have calculated the "crown" at 50c. of our money, and the "ore" at 3/4 c. The Swedish pound is nearly the same as the American.

was finished on Tuesday of this week, and as calculated for our reporter by the engineer, Mr. Van Brocklin, it comprises 22 lineal miles, all put down within seven working days. The job is in several respects extraordinary, as it was necessary within a brief period to gather the timber from Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and the West. Then there being a bolt to every 2 feet, there remained 58,000 bolts to be driven and an equal number of spikes to fasten a 2-inch by 1/2-inch iron bar to the guard timbers. The latter, it will be remembered, are 6 by 8 inches, two to each line of track.

#### Scientific and Technical Notes.

Mr. Henry Edmunds, Jr., of London, has discovered a beautiful method of showing variations in sonorous vibrations by means of luminous figures produced by a revolving vacuum tube, or what is commonly called

##### THE "GASSIOT STAR."

In this apparatus the membrane of a Reis transmitting telephone is used as the rheotome of an induction coil, of which the secondary wire is in circuit with a small vacuum tube which is rotated at a uniform speed by a small magnetic engine or other mechanical contrivance. It will be readily understood that as the vacuum tube is attached radially to the rotating disk of the motor, if, while it is spinning at a uniform speed, the current be made and broken once in every revolution, a single line of light will be observed, the position of which, whether horizontal, vertical or inclined, will depend upon the position of the tube during its revolution at the instant the flash passes through it. If three flashes per revolution pass through the tube, then their effect will be to produce a star of three rays, if six flashes, a star of six rays, and so on, the number of rays to the Gassiot star being identical with the number of the flashes or currents transmitted by the tube during a single revolution. There are, of course, other proportions between the number of flashes and the speed of revolution that would produce the same optical effect, but it is sufficient for the purpose of explaining the apparatus to assume the more simple and typical case. Upon sounding a note into the mouthpiece of the Reis transmitter, its membrane vibrates isochronously with the sonorous vibrations constituting the note; it therefore makes and breaks the primary circuit of the induction coil as many times per second, and a corresponding number of flashes is sent through the rotating tube. The effect of speech upon Mr. Edmunds' instrument is very remarkable, the figure produced being that of a star, the number of whose rays is constantly changing with great rapidity, and all the varying modulations and articulations of the human voice are instantly recorded by the form and appearance of the figure. Pure musical notes sounded in the instrument produce (at a uniform speed of rotation of the tube) perfectly regular figures, and the effect of two notes in harmony produce two distinct superposed figures, the one being bright and comparatively distinct, and the other appearing more nebulous and not so bright. The bright portions represent the coincidence of the phases of vibration of the two notes, and the nebulous portions correspond to phases which do not coincide with one another, but are seen in succession. The effect of discord is to break up all regularity of the figure, producing a merely nebulous haze in which occasional flashes may be seen.

An exceedingly interesting series of

##### PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPERIMENTS

was shown at the soirée of the Royal Society in London, by Mr. Francis Galton, F. R. S., by which portraits of different persons could be combined so as to form a new face altogether embodying certain characteristics of its components. Just as in a stereoscope, lenses or prisms are employed to form a single picture out of two others, so in Mr. Galton's experiments a lens or prism is used to superpose the optical image of one photograph upon that of another, and a perfectly new face is the result. Some of these combinations were most remarkable, not even difference of sex interfering with the result, and a combination of the faces of the Prince and Princess of Wales produced an exceedingly pleasant face, having a general resemblance to both its components, but no characteristic sufficiently marked to enable the observer to say to which it was due. Mr. Galton has produced these effects photographically as well as optically, and at the soirée he showed a large number of photographs of faces which had been produced by combining two, three, and as many as six portraits of different people. The operation is as follows: A set of photographic portraits of equal size are arranged one behind another, and fastened together by one edge like the leaves of a book, care being taken that the positions of the eyes of all the photographs exactly coincide; a camera is directed to the top portrait of the series, and after a short exposure the latter is turned back so as to present the second picture to the camera, and so on until the last is photographed. The resultant picture is a combination of all the others, and generally speaking is a decided improvement upon any of them. Mr. Galton gives as the value of this process the obtaining of anthropological types, the comparison of average features of a family with those of its near ancestry, and the power which it gives of obtaining a good likeness from many portraits of the same person.

One of the most beautiful as well as one of the simplest of new scientific inventions is

##### THE PHONEIDOSCOPE,

invented by Mr. Sedley Taylor. It is a simple instrument, embodying his experiments upon the action of sonorous vibrations upon liquid films stretched across the mouths of resonators of different capacities. The phoneidoscope consists of a short elbow of any suitable material (an inch and a quarter gas elbow would answer the purpose very well) attached to a stand, one limb being vertical and the other horizontal; to the vertical mouth is attached a small plate in which is cut an orifice across which a soap film can be formed by brushing over it a solution of castile soap and glycerine, and to the horizontal arm is attached about a foot length of large india-rubber tubing

ending in a mouth-piece. The apparatus is therefore somewhat similar to a Reis transmitter, in which the membrane is replaced by a film of soap solution. In using the instrument, a soap film having been formed across the orifice the apparatus is placed across the observer and a source of light in such a position as to reflect the light to the eye. When the bubble has become sufficiently thin to exhibit the colors of thin films, it is ready to exhibit the phenomena. A note being sounded into the mouth-piece, the colors which before had been floating about without order or form suddenly arrange themselves in beautiful patterns similar to the sand figures in Chladni's experiments, and between the nodal lines may be observed vortices of color rotating with great rapidity in opposite directions and producing a magnificent effect of form and color. Upon varying the note the patterns rapidly change, each note having its own definite arrangement of nodes and vortices. For varying the figures the top orifice plate is removable and can be replaced by others having differently shaped orifices, some being circular, others square, some triangular, and others polygonal, the plate of orifice, as does that of Chladni's plates, affecting the sound figure produced when the vibrating surface is under the influence of sonorous vibrations.

The first complete analysis of

##### LAKE SUPERIOR COPPER

was communicated to *The Metallurgical Review* for June by Dr. W. Hampe, of the Royal School of Mines at Clausthal. As the following figures show, the purity of the metal is remarkable. The brand examined was the Minnesota:

Copper.....	99.8937
Silver.....	0.0284
Lead.....	trace.
Antimony.....	none.
Arsenic.....	none.
Bismuth.....	none.
Sulphur.....	trace.
Iron.....	0.0077
Nickel and Cobalt.....	0.0146
Oxygen.....	0.0342

Total.....99.9786

The specific gravity was found to be 8.5155.

#### Tables for the Interconversion of English and Metric Units.

BY PERSIFOR FRAZER, JR., A. M.

Presented to the American Philosophical Society, April 5, 1878.

1 cubic inch water weighs = 252.7574 grains.  
At max. dens., Bar. 30 in. Air 62° F. (Barnard.)  
1 cubic foot water weighs = 62.36956 lbs.  
1 cwt. (112 lbs.) = 50.8023 kilos.  
Quarter (28 lbs.) = 12.70055 " "  
Drachm = 1.77185 grams.

##### LINEAL UNITS.

Inches.	Centimeters.	Feet.	Meters.
0.3937079	1	1	0.3047945
0.787416	2	2	0.6095890
1.181124	3	3	0.9143835
1.574832	4	4	1.2191780
1.968539	5	5	1.5239724
2.362247	6	6	1.8287669
2.755955	7	7	2.1335614
3.149663	8	8	2.4383559
3.543371	9	9	2.7431504
3.937079	10	10	3.0479449
4.330787	11	11	3.3527394
4.724495	12	12	3.6575339
5.118203	13	13	3.9623284
5.511911	14	14	4.2671229
5.905619	15	15	4.5719174
6.299327	16	16	4.8767119
6.693035	17	17	5.1815064
7.086743	18	18	5.4863009
7.480451	19	19	5.7910954
7.874159	20	20	6.0958899
8.267867	21	21	6.4006844
8.661575	22	22	6.7054789
9.055283	23	23	7.0102734
9.448991	24	24	7.3150679
9.842699	25	25	7.6198624
10.236407	26	26	7.9246569
10.630115	27	27	8.2294514
11.023823	28	28	8.5342459
11.417531	29	29	8.8390404
11.811239	30	30	9.1438349

##### AREA.

Sq. inch.	Sq. centimeter.	Sq. feet.	Sq. meter.
0.1550059	6.4516	1	0.092903
0.3100118	12.9032	2	0.185806
0.4650177	19.3548	3	0.278709
0.6200236	25.8064	4	0.371612
0.7750295	32.2580	5	0.464515
0.9300354	38.7096	6	0.557418
1.0850413	45.1612	7	0.650321
1.2400472	51.6128	8	0.743224
1.3950531	58.0644	9	0.836127
1.5500590	64.5160	10	0.929030
1.7050649	70.9676	11	1.021933
1.8600708	77.4192	12	1.114836
2.0150767	83.8708	13	1.207739
2.1700826	90.3224	14	1.300642
2.3250885	96.7740	15	1.393545
2.4800944	103.2256	16	1.486448
2.6351003	109.6772	17	1.579351
2.7901062	116.1288	18	1.672254
2.9451121	122.5804	19	1.765157
3.1001180	129.0320	20	1.858060

##### CAPACITY.

Cubic inches.	Cubic centimeters.	Cubic foot.	Cubic decimeter.
0.0610207	1	1	0.0353147
0.1220414	2	2	0.0706294
0.1830621	3	3	0.1059441
0.2440828	4	4	0.1412588
0.3051035	5	5	0.1765735
0.3661242	6	6	0.2118882
0.4271449	7	7	0.2472029
0.4881656	8	8	0.2825176
0.5491863	9	9	0.3178323
0.6102070	10	10	0.3531470
0.6712277	11	11	0.3884617
0.7322484	12	12	0.4237764
0.7932691	13	13	0.4590911
0.8542898	14	14	0.4944058
0.9153105	15	15	0.5297205
0.9763312	16	16	0.5650352
1.0373519	17	17	0.6003499
1.0983726	18	18	0.6356646
1.1593933	19	19	0.6709793
1.2204140	20	20	0.7062940

##### WEIGHT.

Pounds to foot.	Kilos to meter.	Pounds to sq. in.	Kilos to sq. centimeter.
0.6719572	1	1	0.0703069
1.3439144	2	2	0.1406138
2.0158716	3	3	0.2109207
2.6878288	4	4	0.2812276
3.3597860	5	5	0.3515345
4.0317432	6	6	0.4218414
4.7037004	7	7	0.4921483
5.3756576	8	8	0.5624552
6.0476148	9	9	0.6327621
6.7195720	10	10	0.7030690
7.3915292	11	11	0.7733759
8.0634864	12	12	0.8436828
8.7354436	13	13	0.9139897
9.4074008	14	14	0.9842966
10.0793580	15	15	1.0546035
10.7513152	16	16	1.1249104
11.4232724	17	17	1.1952173
12.0952296	18	18	1.2655242
12.7671868	19	19	1.3358311
13.4391440	20	20	1.4061380

#### Staffordshire Rural Locksmiths.

The *Ironmonger* says: Within ten miles around Wolverhampton are several rustic villages undisturbed as yet by the over-spreading smoke and flame of the Black Country, in which the locksmiths' craft is still pursued under conditions differing little, if any, from those which prevailed a century ago. Some of them are in a district rendered historical by the escapades of King Charles, and so little changed are they, after the lapse of 200 years, that were some Rip Van Winkle, in the guise of a cavalier or a roundhead, to awake after those decades of slumber, he might fancy he had not exceeded "forty winks." Into these quiet rural scenes of industry no "trade reporter" enters to chronicle the ups and downs of business. The town of Wolverhampton itself has the credit of all these village products, and so the village locksmiths go on, year after year, in the old ways, and under the most primitive conditions, yet doing their work as honestly and as well as scanty earnings and the ever-increasing competition of steam machinery will admit. Let us glance at the chief of these village haunts of the locksmiths.

Brewood is a quaint old-world village, with an ancient church, and a steep street of gabled homesteads leading up to it. Within a mile are the grand old woods of Chillington. Here, in all sorts of queer out-of-the-way corners, are to be found little workshops where plate locks—known in the trade as "fine-plate," and "best-fine"—are produced in countless dozens. The Brewood locksmiths do not complete the locks they make. They produce the working part only, the addition of the wood case being made at Wolverhampton, by the firms on whom the villagers depend for their employment. Coven, an adjacent hamlet to Brewood, has also a little colony of locksmiths engaged in the same trade, and some few are also to be found at Calf Heath, near Penkridge. There is some talk of constructing a railway to Brewood, and Lord Bradford is said to favor the movement.

About five miles from Wolverhampton, in a northeasterly direction, are the twin-villages of Short Heath and New Invention. They are both long straggling hamlets, certainly not destitute of rural charms, but not so pretty as Brewood and Coven, though equally difficult of access. New Invention owes its odd name to a simple circumstance. The first house built there had a smoky chimney, and the occupant of the house—an ingenious old dame—contrived a home-made and rather odd-looking chimney cowl, which attracted the notice of the passers-by. In answer to numerous inquiries, the old dame used to say, "It's a new invention, and it's a good success." The "new invention" got to be a household name roundabout, and, in time, it became the recognized name of the locality. The locks produced at Short Heath and New Invention are the cheaper kinds of iron, till, chest and cupboard locks. Nearly all the manufacturers are in a small way of business, and, in olden times, they were great employers of indoor apprentices. The industry has considerably diminished during the last few years, the decline of the American demand—which, at one time, was the principal—having largely and seriously affected it. During the "coal famine," four or five years ago, many of the locksmiths laid down the hammer and the file in disgust at the low wages, and tried their luck in the coal pits. Since that time the trade has revived somewhat, but it is still in a far from flourishing state.

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G. L. REED. Signature of the Judge.

Approval of Group Judges.

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Chas. Staples,

G. L. Reed,  
J. D. Imboden,

J. Diffenbach,  
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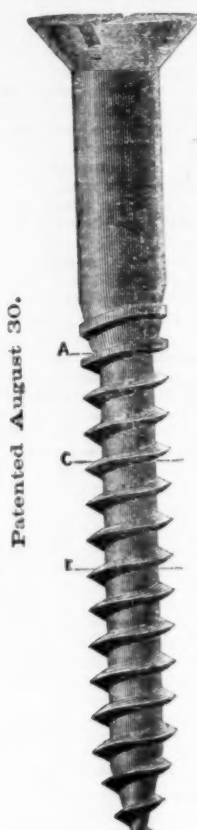
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Section at Line A B

Section at Line C D

Section at Line E F

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Section at Line A B

Section at Line C D

Section at Line E F

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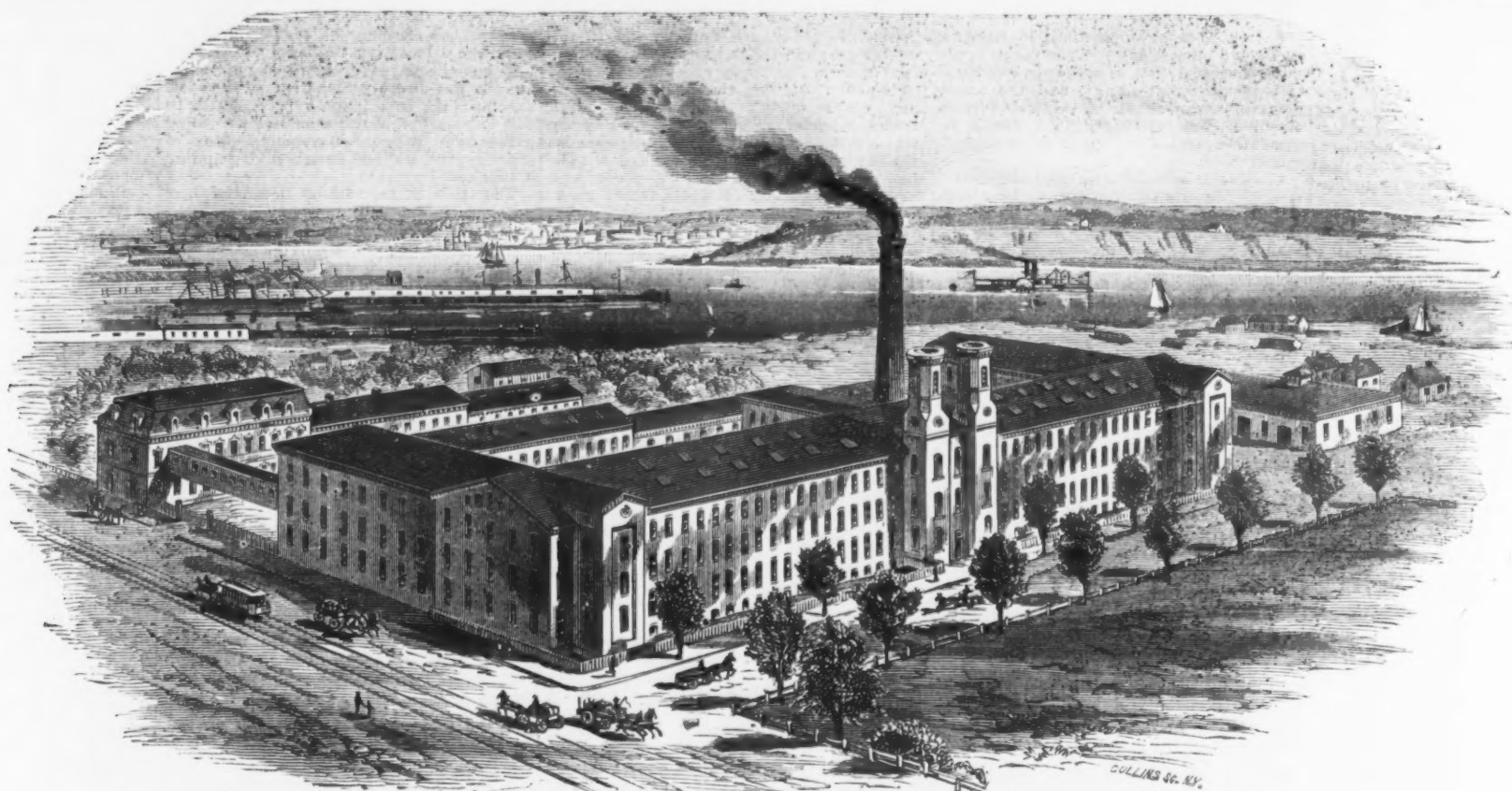
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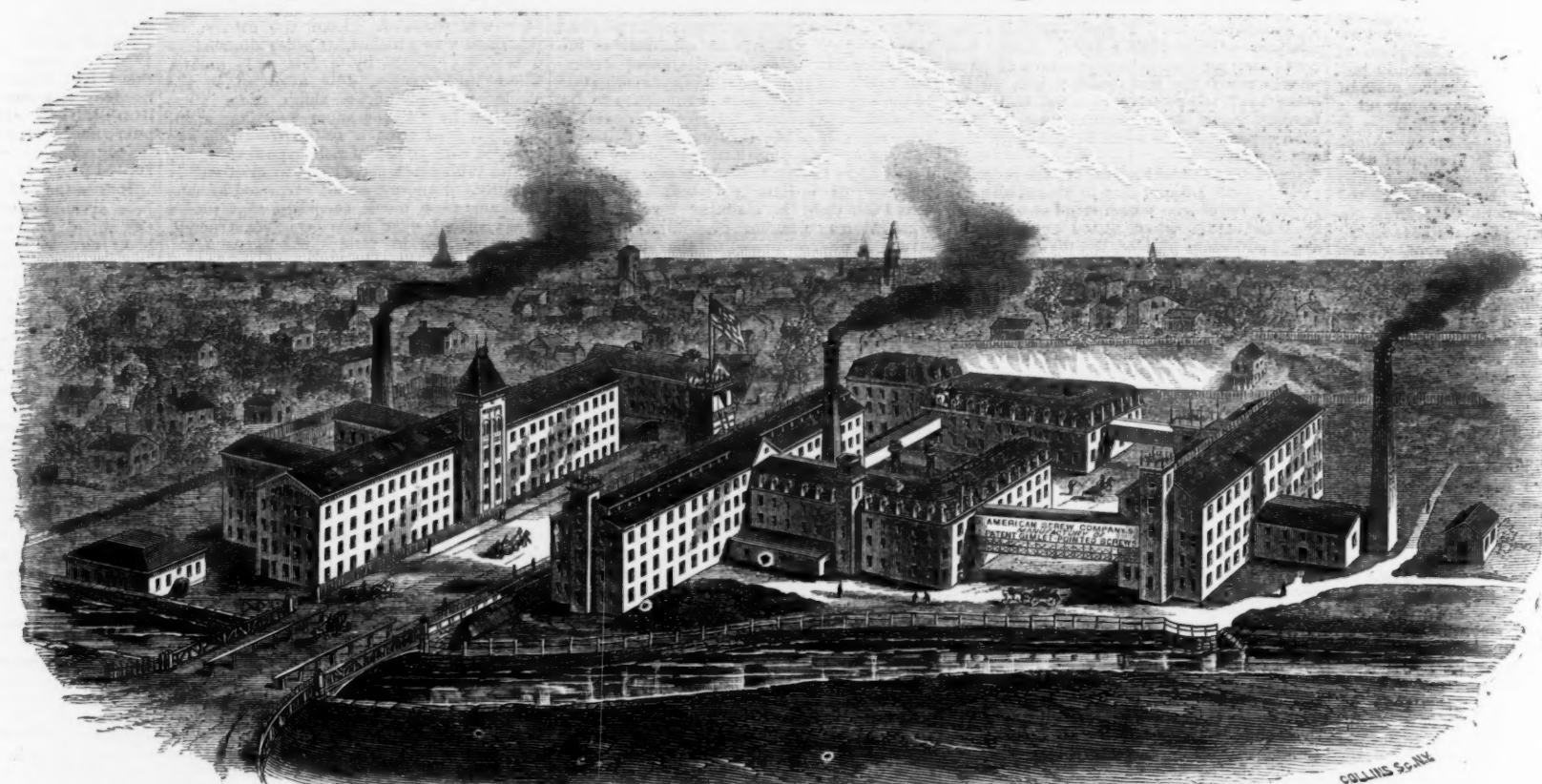
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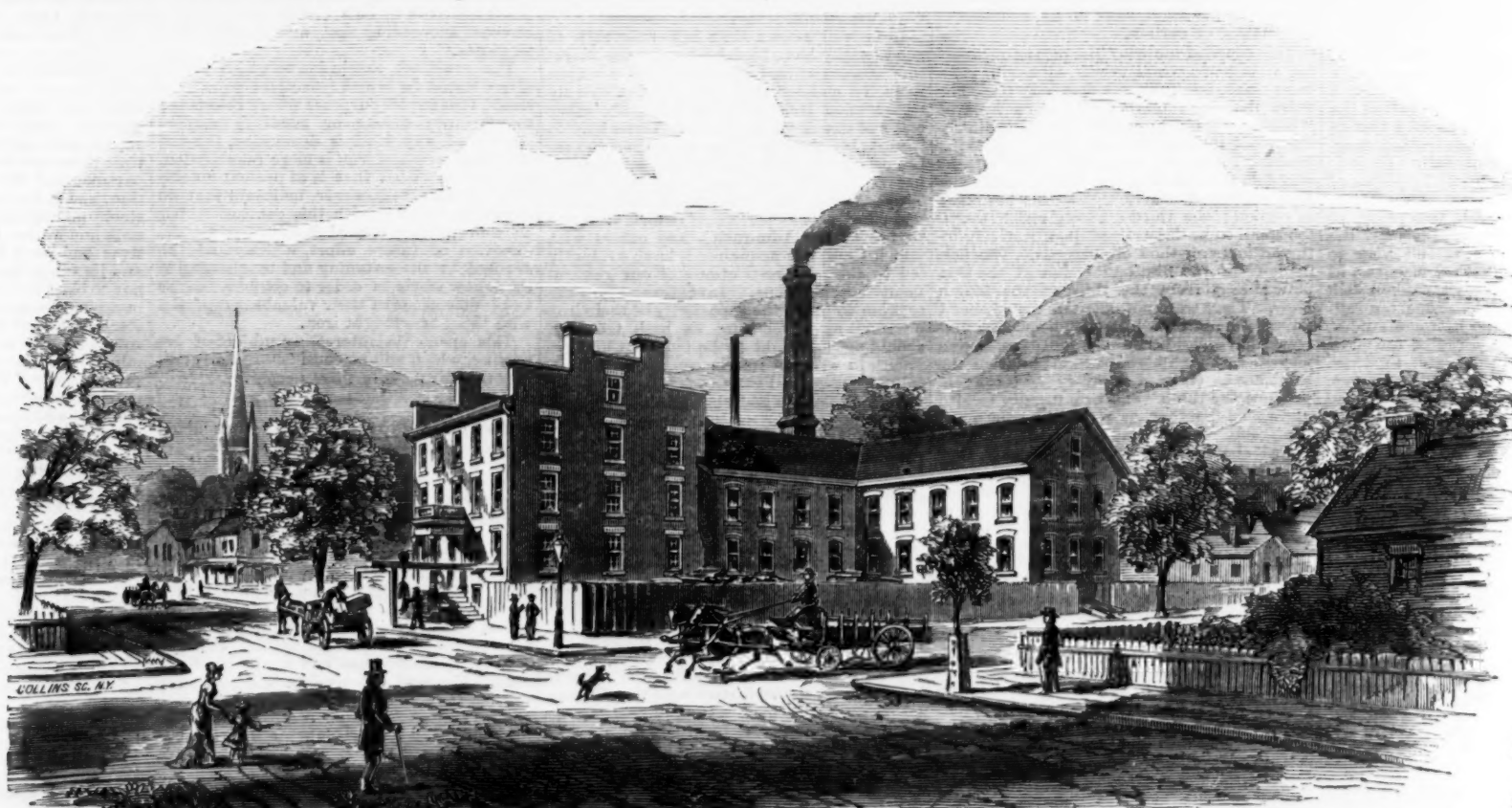
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## Studies in Sheffield.

BY W. MATTIEU WILLIAMS, F. C. S., F. R. A. S.

## I.—IRON VERSUS STEEL.

If inventors were judged by their phraseology, we should be forced to conclude that those concerned in the progress of iron metallurgy are very dangerous, revolutionary people. Almost every improvement of any pretensions has been heralded, either by its inventor or admirers, as an invention that will effect "a revolution in the iron trade." The particular revolution most prominent and popular at the present moment is that which is to be effected by the superseding of iron by steel. So far as rails and tires are concerned, we may safely regard the revolution as actually consummated; but at the risk of being overwhelmed by the still-swelling current of metallurgical public opinion, I venture to repeat my frequently expressed skepticism respecting the alleged or assumed superiority of steel to iron for many of the purposes to which its application is proposed, and will state more definitely than hitherto my reasons for such skepticism.

Why is the mild steel produced by the Bessemer, the Siemens-Martin process, &c., better suited for rails and tires than wrought iron? This question is easily answered, and is open to no controversy. It is, first, because the material is harder and less fibrous, and therefore resists the crushing or squeezing-out wear of rails, or the grooving wear of tires, for a far longer time than wrought iron; and, secondly, because it is more homogeneous, and therefore wears more uniformly. We may safely conclude that for all other purposes where the material is subject to this kind of wear and tear only, the steel will display a similar superiority. But the revolution is proposed to extend to boiler plates, ship plates, girders, angle iron, T-iron and all other structural elements. Steel is to supersede iron in the construction of bridges, guns, armor plates, &c. Let us take some of these in order and separately, beginning with boiler plates.

It is argued that steel is a better material than iron for boiler plates because its tenacity is greater; that, as a piece of steel plate of given sectional area will resist a steady pull 50 per cent. stronger than a similar plate of wrought iron can bear, we may construct a steel boiler of  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch plate that shall be as strong as an iron one of  $\frac{3}{8}$ , or of  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch steel plate as strong as  $\frac{1}{4}$  iron, and thus gain the advantage of lightness combined with equal strength, besides diminishing the resistance to the passage of heat from the furnace to the water. The data here stated are unquestionable. As a strip of  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch plate of fair quality of mild steel will stand a pull quite equal to that which is borne by an equally wide strip of  $\frac{3}{8}$  good quality wrought-iron plate when both of these are tried by tearing asunder with a testing machine, the above-stated conclusion appears unquestionable, seeing that the strain upon a boiler is a tensile strain, and a boiler can only burst by an actual tearing asunder of its material. In venturing to question these conclusions, I am bound to state my reasons rather fully, and will do so accordingly.

In 1868 and 1869 I made some experiments which led me to suppose that I could materially improve the quality of wrought iron by mixing oxide of manganese with the ordinary "fettling" of the puddling furnace, and I became accordingly a patent-office victim. In working this invention I tested the iron produced thereby in the usual manner, and obtained the reports which inventors usually obtain concerning the high tenacity, the extension, contraction of area, &c., &c., of my improved iron. Just at this time the firm of Sir John Brown & Co., of Sheffield, were competing for a government contract for bolts for armor-plated ships, and the government inspector, an officer of the Engineers, was at the works testing several specimens of iron offered for the purpose. Newspaper writers at home and politicians abroad commonly imagine that the officials of the British Ordnance and Admiralty departments are all of them more dilettante—fine gentlemen with very little practical knowledge of mechanical subjects. My own experience contradicts this notion very positively. In the present instance the officer that came down from London paid but little attention to the tensile extension, contraction of area, &c., tests of the iron offered for bolt making. He argued that the bolt which holds the armor plates of a ship to their backing is not liable to such a gradually applied strain as the pull of the hydraulic press or the big screw of a testing machine, but has to resist the sudden, tearing crash of a heavy cannon ball. To imitate this, he had the iron made into bolts of the size required, viz., 3 inches diameter. These were passed through two pieces of armor plate, and secured by the head of the bolt at one end and the nut at the other to pieces of armor plate as they would be in the ship's side. The enemy's cannon ball was represented by a weight of one ton falling from a height of 30 feet between guides, and so arranged that the force of the blow was delivered on the lower plate, to which the tail of the bolt was attached by the nut, while the plate holding the head was held firmly. The blow thus effected a suddenly delivered tearing strain upon the bolt, acting fairly in the line of its axis, and representing the strain to which a ship's bolt would be subjected when a ball had penetrated the armor and was crashing through the backing to which the armor is bolted.

The results of this "drop test" were that bolts made of certain peculiar qualities of iron stood as many as four blows before breaking. They stretched considerably at each blow, thinning to contracted waists at certain parts, the position of which was by no means constant. At the places where the maximum stretching occurred, curious symptoms of "distress" were displayed. There were pimples and ridges on the originally smooth surface of the bolt, evidently due to the pressure of hard, unyielding portions embedded in the more plastic material of which the bulk of the bolt was composed; showing that even the best of wrought iron is far from homogeneous. Many gave way at third, second or first blows. I am forced to confess that every bolt made from iron produced by my patent

manganese-puddled iron broke most ignominiously and carrot-like at the first blow. This was the more humiliating, inasmuch as all the ordinary tests—hot and cold bends, ram's-horn test, holeing test, fractures, &c.—had given brilliant results, and the tensile breaking strain, as tested by the hydraulic machine, was unusually high, with the elongation and contraction of area quite satisfactory.

Considerable training in the endurance of disappointments enabled me to bear this; but, instead of giving it up altogether, I endeavored to discover why a sample of iron standing a direct steady pull of about 30 tons to the square inch of sectional area should break at the first blow under the drop test, while another sample only bearing 22 or 23 tons of ordinary tensile strain should hold on to the fourth blow. A good opportunity of conducting this investigation was afforded by the stock of broken bolts which remained and were duly and systematically numbered in correspondence with the reports of a long series of drop-test experiments. Having long been on very bad terms with phosphorus, which I had already proved to be guilty of much more mischief than at that time was attributed to it, I first supposed that phosphorus was the sole offender in this case, and accordingly selected a number of bolts that had stood the tests exceptionally well, and others of varying degrees of inferiority. I took borings from these and analyzed for phosphorus.

The first six examined gave the following results:

	Per cent.
A—Very good fracture and extension, broke at 4th blow, contained.....	0.02
B—Very bad fracture and extension, broke at 1st blow, contained.....	0.15
C—Bad fracture and extension, broke at 1st blow, contained.....	0.07
D—Bad fracture and extension, broke at 2d blow, contained.....	0.13
E—Good fracture and extension, broke at 4th blow, contained.....	0.07
F—Good fracture and extension, broke at 4th blow, contained.....	0.05

Here was an indication that phosphorus had something to do with the mischief. It might be found guilty on the evidence of A and B, but that of C and E was suggestive of something else. I made several other analyses with similar results. Every bolt containing an excessive percentage of phosphorus stood the test badly; but, on the other hand, there were rejected bolts containing very little phosphorus—no more than other good bolts—as in the cases of C and E above.

On further examination of the recorded experiments, I found that in almost all cases the samples of iron which stood an excessive breaking strain when tested by the gradually increasing pull of the hydraulic machine, failed when subjected to the drop test, just as my manganese iron did. For example, a steel iron containing 0.18 per cent. of combined carbon, which showed a breaking strain of 34.18 tons per square inch with an elongation of 12 per cent., broke at the first blow of the drop test with scarcely any elongation. The iron finally selected and used for making bolts showed a breaking strain of 22 to 24 tons per square inch, and usually broke at the fourth blow, with good elongation. This, of course, pointed to carbon as an accomplice with phosphorus. I had already discovered, in the course of my experiments with the manganese fettling, that the first ball drawn from the puddling furnace differed materially in some respects from the second and third. The iron made from the first ball bore a stronger pull in the hydraulic testing machine than that from the second, and the second more than the third. The first ball bore most of the hot tests (punching hot, bending, &c.) better than the third, and generally the third bore the cold bending tests better than the first. Analysis showed that they all contained an appreciable amount of carbon, and that this was always greatest in the first ball and progressively less in the later balls. To test this the more severely, I had some heats made into four or five balls instead of the customary three. The reason of this is obvious enough. The ball of spongy, uncompressed iron, as it stands in the puddling furnace waiting its turn at the hammer, is undergoing oxidation, but the oxygen first attacks the carbon, which continues to protect the metal so long as it remains in sufficient quantity, and thus the only difference between these different balls from the same heat is their different proportions of carbon.

This supplied me with the means of making an *experimentum crucis*, by having two bolts made, one from the first ball, the other from the third ball of the same heat of "best best" iron puddled in the ordinary way; but the first ball was hurried off to the hammer as sharply as possible and the third was delayed rather more than usual. The first contained nearly two-tenths per cent. of carbon; the third a barely visible trace, too small to be determined quantitatively by the ordinary method of analysis. The bolt made from the first ball broke at the first blow; that from the third at the fourth blow. They were not officially tested, but I have no doubt that had they been, the first would have been rejected and the second accepted, though both were made from the same heat. (I need scarcely add that in practice the three balls are usually welded and rolled together, and thus a bar of mean composition is obtained.)

The above details are given because they have a direct and, I think, important bearing upon the question now occupying so much attention among the metallurgists of all nations. In the case of these bolts, the steel attributes were directly detrimental. Increased tenacity, as measured by the application of a gradually increasing strain, was accompanied by increased weakness in relation to a sudden shock. The case is an extreme one undoubtedly, and the test excessively severe; but admitting this as regards degree, does it not represent the kind of strain to which boilers, girders, ship plates, bridges and all structural applications of iron or steel are more or less subject?

Let us take a boiler first. While the heat is being gradually applied, the expansive force of the steam gradually developed and the boiler firmly at rest, the plates are submitting to a strain fairly represented by the hydraulic or screw testing machine; but if, when the metal is thus strained, the boiler is submitted to any kind of shock, the con-

ditions are entirely changed. A vibration traverses its structure; waves of compression and extension suddenly add to the tearing strain of the expanding steam in one place and diminish it in another. In proof of the effect of this, the following experiment may be made by anybody who has a testing machine at command. When the strain is approaching the breaking point, let the bar or plate under trial receive a light but smart tap sufficient to produce a molecular vibration. It will instantly break, even though at a considerably less strain than would have broken it if undisturbed. The boilers of all kinds of marine engines and of locomotives are subject to violent vibratory shocks. Suppose we have two boilers, one of steel and the other of soft malleable iron, and both have been tested by hydraulic pressure to the same extent. Which would be the most likely to give way under practical conditions, and subject to ordinary and extraordinary shocks while worked nearly up to their tested pressure? If compelled to sit on the safety valve of one or the other, I should choose the soft iron.

It is well known that some of the worst cases of boiler explosion have occurred very unaccountably, as though some sudden generation of expansive force had occurred. The spheroidal state of water, its decomposition by the over-heated plate followed by explosion of the gases, and other theories have been invented to account for these. The fact of sudden shock of some kind can scarcely be disputed, and steel plates, if I am right, would, in spite of greater tenacity to steady strain, be the weakest when subjected to such sudden violence.

Girders and the supporting element of bridges are so especially liable to vibratory shocks, that mere tenacity under a gradually applied and steady strain is of little or no value in reference to them, unless it indicates a corresponding resistance to the particular shocks which most endanger their stability. The experiments above described, so far as they go, indicate very ominously that such is so far from being the case that a high degree of tenacity actually indicates practical weakness. I say "so far as they go," being fully conscious of the inadequacy of so small a series of experiments to establish so important a conclusion, and the great desirability of further and searching investigation of the subject, especially in reference to different kinds of shock. A rigorous course of researches should be instituted, in order to determine with quantitative accuracy what I may term the neutral or turning point of tenacity as ordinarily tested. Assuming that I am right in claiming for good soft wrought iron a higher degree of practical strength or resistance to the shocks and strains to which structures are subject than steel, it is very desirable to determine the tenacity of good iron as compared with the higher tenacity of steel, and lower tenacity of bad iron, in the condemnation of which we all agree.

In advocating these further investigations, I am not forgetting what is actually and commonly done in the application of the drop test to steel rails, &c., and am aware that much has been done at our British arsenals, though not acquainted with the details of all these experiments. Their teachings are suggestively indicated by a fact which I learned when collecting some specimens for illustrating the Cantor lectures of 1876, viz., that in the latest specifications of the British government for "angle, bulb or bar steel," one of the fundamental requirements is that "the whole of the steel shall stand a tensile strain of 26 tons to the square inch and not exceed 30 tons to the square inch." This indicates a considerable revolution in authoritative opinion, for in February, 1869, when I ventured, in the course of a controversy in the *Chemical News*, to assert the fallacy of testing steel by its tensile strain without reference to its power of resisting a vibratory shock, I stood in opposition to high authorities, who, having found that some specimens of steel containing a very unusually large quantity of phosphorus resisted a tensile strain nearly double that now demanded by the above quoted specifications, argued that therefore the steel must be good, and that commonly received notions concerning the mischief of phosphorus are erroneous. (See *Chemical News*, vol. xix, pp. 58, 55, 95, 117, and *Chemical Society's meeting* of January 21, 1869.)

It is well known that Bessemer rails of good quality have been broken by the vibratory shock received in falling from a wagon in such a manner that one end has sharply struck upon stone or metal while the other end has struck upon a similar material. It is probable that in these cases the fracture has occurred where the undulations proceeding from each end have met each other. These facts, the results of the above described bolt experiments (which were reported to the Admiralty), and others with which I am not acquainted, have evidently led to the wise restrictions of our government specifications. Inventors who are seeking to prove the superiority of their iron or steel by advertising its high tenacity, should not lose sight of the fact that high tenacity in wrought iron is usually an indication of unremoved carbon.

I need scarcely add that all the above remarks apply to the question of iron vs. steel in the construction of ships. No novel experiments are needed to show that if a ship is bumped against a rock, a soft iron plate capable of considerable indentation is incomparably safer than one of brittle steel.

Some experiments were made on the *Nettle* target ship at Portsmouth, on the 18th of December last, which are very instructive. The complex and difficult process of building huge armor plates of 20 or 30 tons weight by welding together four or five hundred or more puddled balls, naturally suggests the substitution of a material which, besides being harder and apparently stronger, may be manipulated so much more readily. With an easily attainable modification of existing appliances, the material for such a plate may be cast in a single ingot of steel and rolled at once into shape. Many attempts have accordingly been made to substitute steel armor plates for iron. The plates have been made, and so far as hardness and tenacity, tested by steady strain, are concerned, they have been proved to be far superior to the armor plates that now clothe our great iron-

clads. When subject to a test resembling that applied to the bolts—i. e., when exposed to the crushing blow effected by the point-blank battering of heavy ordnance—they have displayed great powers of resistance to the direct penetration of the shot, excelling the iron plates very decidedly in this respect, but at the same time revealing a far more dangerous weakness—that of cracking, splitting and even breaking up into a wreck of fragments.

The trials of the 18th of December were upon plates specially constructed with the object of overcoming this defect and yet retaining the unquestionable advantage of steady hardness. Messrs. Cammel & Co., of Sheffield, sent three plates: No. 1, a solid plate of very mild steel, the carbon kept as low as practicable, and treated in its manufacture with the special object of toughening or reducing the liability to crack or "star." Its dimensions were 9 feet 9 inches by 7 feet 9 inches and 9 inches thick; it weighed 12 tons 3 cwt. No. 2 was a compound plate; total thickness, 9 inches; 5 inches of hard steel in front, welded by a patented process to a backing of 4 inches of soft iron. It was supposed that the hardness of the steel front would resist the first impact of the shot and probably break it up, while the iron backing would arrest the cracks or starting of the steel and prevent their extension throughout the whole thickness of the armor, the vessel, consequently, remaining water-tight and the plates still standing to receive other shots. This plate measured 9 feet 9 inches by 7 feet 1½ inch, and weighed 11 tons 4 cwt. No. 3 was a sandwich plate, made up of a layer of steel between two of iron; the middle steel layer 6½ inches thick, the front iron layer ¾ inch and the back iron layer 1¼ inch. It measured 8 feet by 5 feet 11 inches, and weighed about 7 tons 16 cwt.

Competing with these was a curious complication sent by Joseph Whitworth—a plate first made up bodily of Whitworth's fluid press steel of low carbon. This plate was then drilled through at certain uniform distances with holes 4½ inches in diameter, and into each of these holes a hardened steel plug was screwed. Like the others, its thickness was 9 inches, its other dimensions 6 feet 8½ inches by 4 feet 11½ inches. These three plates, duly attached to the shield representing a ship's side, were attacked by Palliser shots weighing about 250 lbs., fired from a 12-ton Woolwich gun charged with 50 lbs. of pebble power.

The Whitworth plate came to grief rather speedily. I am not at all surprised at this, and am very much surprised that such a thing should ever have been constructed. In excuse for its failure, the *Times* newspaper pleads that it had not been "oil hardened" as intended. I am quite unable to understand how oil hardening or oil toughening could improve such a heterogeneous mass. If the high carbon steel pins were fully hardened before insertion, a milder hardening by oil would diminish their size without equally diminishing that of the mild steel body of the plate. If soft when screwed in, the oil hardening would expand them considerably. In the first case the resisting power of the plate would probably be diminished by the aid of the series of skillfully initiated fractures, as a vibratory jar or sharply localized shock would occur when the vibration caused by the shot reached the lightly touching surfaces between the plate and pin. In the second case the expansion of the pins would subject the whole plate to a state of strain or tension at every hole, the force of which would come in aid of just the sort of rupture to be avoided, viz., a cracking across from hole to hole and consequent detachment of the intervening piece.

The composite plates, Nos. 2 and 3, both split up badly, "their complete disintegration being effected at the third shot." The only one of the four that stood the ordeal at all satisfactorily was No. 1, the homogeneous soft steel plate. This showed only a few indentations and hair cracks, with some bending inward. Like all the steel plates that have been hitherto tested, it resisted penetration better than wrought iron, but was weak in reference to cracking.

A shot may penetrate a good soft iron plate, leaving a hole not quite as large as the shot. If there is no cracking, the mischief ends there—the pierced plate still stands as at first for other shots; but a plate fractured even by hair cracks grows worse at every succeeding shot, and finally breaks to pieces.

The practical conclusion to which all the above-stated facts and reflections point is, I think, that for all purposes where resistance to vibratory shocks or suddenly applied strains of any kind is demanded, the old-fashioned wrought iron is more reliable than steel of any kind that is at present obtainable. I do not, however, maintain that we should be satisfied with this conclusion, but on the contrary regard it as indicating the direction of future effort, which should be devoted to the softening and toughening of these new steels in order to combine, as far as possible, some of their valuable properties with those of wrought iron.

This opens the interesting subject of annealing, which will be considered in a future paper.—*The Metallurgical Review.*

The *Utica Republican* talks thus about postal absurdities: There are some very queer things about our post office regulations. Take the postal card, for instance. If a man has a steady hand and writes close, he may put several hundred words on a card and send it for a cent. If he pastes the least strip of printed matter on it the postage is increased to 6 cents, though he may print on it the same matter, and by putting it in fine type get several thousand words on the card, and it will go for 1 cent; and he may paste the card all over with printed matter, then put it in an open envelope, and it will go for 1 cent. The card and envelope will go for less money than the card alone. When will these absurdities and inconsistencies be abolished and everything go by weight at a uniform price?

If iron or steel articles be boiled in the following mixture they will take a fine blue tint. Dissolve 4 oz. hyposulphite of soda in 1½ pint of water, and then add a solution of 1 oz. acetate of lead in 1 oz. of water.

## A Great Trading Corporation.

The *British Trade Journal* gives the following historical sketch of the iron firm of Bolckow, Vaughan & Co., which is quite the largest trading corporation in the North-east of England. Commenced in a humble way by two persons, it has grown with the years, and laid the foundation of prosperous towns, developed important trades, and has become in these industries almost supreme in its own district. Fifty years ago a German, a native of Sulten, in Mecklenburg, left his fatherland and settled in Newcastle-on-Tyne, where he made the acquaintance of the manager of an iron works at Walker-on-Tyne. The two decided to enter into a partnership with the view to the erection of iron works, Bolckow the German finding the capital and his friend Vaughan the practical knowledge. After much inquiry a site was chosen on the banks of the river Tyne, at the then young town of Middlesbrough—a town founded for the purposes of coal shipment by the promoters of the first English railway. Here, in 1841, the firm of Bolckow & Vaughan erected a small rolling mill, which with its adjuncts formed the first iron works in Cleveland. It shared the varying fortunes of the iron trade for a few years, and in 1846 the firm added to it a smelting plant, by the erection of four blast furnaces at Witton Park, near Bishop Auckland, where coal was plentiful, and where the owners expected to meet with ironstone in the coal measures. Iron, however, was not met with in sufficient quantities, and in quest of this food for their furnaces the firm had recourse to the then young iron mining district which had been developed by the opening of the railway between Pickering and Whitby. The want of iron nearer the mines was felt, and though the presence of large deposits of iron in the north of Cleveland was known, no commercial use was made of the knowledge until the firm of Bolckow & Vaughan became the pioneers. Collecting beach ironstone they used it in addition to that from Whitby; they leased some small mines on the coast, and prosecuted a vigorous search for the main seam of ironstone, which in the middle of 1850 was found, "a solid rock, lying 16 feet thick." Having discovered what was needed—an abundant, cheap and near bed of iron—the early difficulties of the firm were overcome, and from that time to the present its course has been one of almost uninterrupted progress.

Before the end of the year 1850 there had been arrangements made for the working of the mines, and 4000 tons of ironstone had been sent out, and for years the output was one of continual growth; and it is probably within the mark to say that from the Estons mines there have been extracted since their opening the enormous amount of 6,000,000 tons of ironstone. An almost incredible development of trade followed that discovery, carried out as it was by arrangements for mining operations at various parts of the vast fields of ironstone thus brought into requisition. The town of Middlesbrough commenced to grow rapidly, the hamlets near the mines became populous villages, labor flocked into the district, and its development for mining enterprise became a question merely of time. One by one mines have been opened out, until the district has become by far the most productive of iron-raising centers in the world, and its output now is between 6,000,000 and 7,000,000 tons yearly. Set by set blast furnaces have been erected, until where in the whole of the North there were 30 furnaces, there are now 164, each larger and much more prolific, as well as much more costly. And of the finished iron industries, as well as of the other allied works, there has been at least an equal construction.

To that vast industrial growth the pioneer establishment has contributed its full share; and when a dozen years ago the firm was merged into a limited company its dimensions had become colossal. It had then blast furnaces at three centers in Cleveland and South Durham, with contributory iron mines among the largest known, as well as 100,000 tons of finished iron and castings, and other work proportionately. It raised then a million tons of coal yearly, three-quarters of a million tons of ironstone, and over 150,000 tons of limestone. It owned hematite iron mines in Spain, farmed thousands of acres of its own land, kept a fleet of steamers, owned and worked 30 or 40 miles of railway, and possessed a rolling stock for minerals such as many railways might envy. At the mines, the works, the coke ovens, limestone quarries and other establishments about 10,000 workmen were employed. Since that time there has been a growth in many departments of this gigantic trading corporation, and it has entered into the business of steel manufacture, having erected large mills and works. It now employs 12,000 operatives and pays £1,000,000 yearly in wages, and its subscribed capital is £3,650,000. It has 20 blast furnaces—a huge smelting plant, in which £400,000 must have been sunk; its steel mills have turned out steel rails at the rate of over 60,000 tons yearly; its coal mines have a capacity of production of probably close upon 2,000,000 tons yearly, and its mining operations in Cleveland, South Durham and Spain are on a scale of unexampled magnitude. Its predecessors introduced the iron trade into Cleveland, applied the discoveries of the Cleveland ironstone, and commenced the smelting operations which are now on a larger scale than in any other district; and now it has introduced on a scale of magnitude the steel manufacture into the same district. With works extending over many acres, with mines under many miles, and with an income exceeding that of many States, the great company of metallurgists is one of the proofs of the soundness of the Northern trade from which it springs, and it is a monument to the energy, the indomitable perseverance and the business capacity of its founders. Bringing its ore to the surface at its mines, bringing also its coal and limestone similarly to the smelting-place in its own furnaces, and carrying it in all processes only through its own works, it turns it out in the shape of finished iron or steel, and placing the product, possibly, in its own steamers, it is perhaps the most complete of the many industrial establishments of which the North country may be proud.



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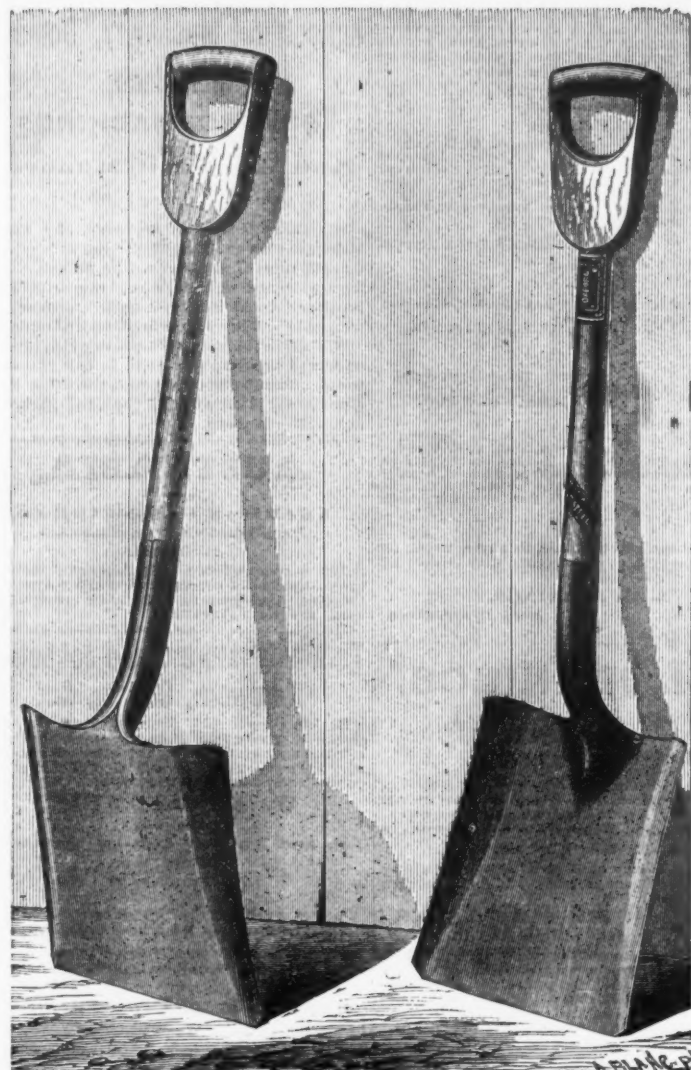
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# INDUSTRIAL ITEMS.

## NEW YORK.

The car shops of the Corning, Cawanesque and Antrim Railroad, at Corning, were burned Monday morning, the 20th inst. The loss is \$30,000; insurance, \$25,000.

The Walter A. Wood Mowing and Reaping Machine Works at Hoosick Falls are doing an enormous amount of manufacturing at the present time. The buildings have been recently enlarged to a material degree, but more structures are necessary, and additional land has been purchased on which to place manufactories. The number of employees since last winter has been increased from 1000 to 1400, and a large force is kept busy day and night. The pay roll averages about \$60,000 per month, which makes a valuable consideration to the tradesmen and merchants of that place. The magnitude of these works may be estimated when it is stated that a complete mower or reaper is turned out every four minutes, or at the rate of 176 per diem. Even at this surprising rapidity the orders for machines greatly exceed the capacity of the works, and it is alleged that the number manufactured will be 2000 less than the demand calls for prior to the close of harvest.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

The great suit of the Lenox Plate Glass Co., of Pittsfield, against Wm. E. Dodge, of New York, to recover damages of \$600,000, was begun in the Supreme Court on Tuesday morning, the 21st inst. The plaintiff claims that in 1870 Dodge and others were interested in a concern in Philadelphia making white glass from cryolite, while the plate glass company was making plate glass in a Lenox furnace; that Dodge induced the glass company to undertake the manufacture of this white glass from cryolite, representing that it was very profitable; that the glass company invested in the company and was ruined; that it was subsequently discovered that while Dodge had been making representations of large profits his concern was in fact bankrupt; that Dodge was personally liable for the enormous amount of its debts, and made these representations to the glass company to relieve himself from this load. The defense is a general denial.

## CONNECTICUT.

Coulter and McKenzie, manufacturers of light and heavy machinery, have moved their factory from 19 Water street, Bridgeport, to the premises of the Bridgeport Iron Works.

About 700 employees at the Bridgeport cartridge shop have been dismissed because the supply of cartridges for the Turks has been diminished.

The Meriden Silver Plate Company have made considerable additions to their works the past year by the erection of new and commodious plating rooms. Special attention has been given to thorough ventilation, and the rooms are kept constantly free from injurious gases. Their plating is done by a Weston dynamo-electric machine. An elevator runs from this department to the warehouses, where goods are selected and pass to be plated, subsequent to order, and immediately before shipment. The capacity of the Weston machine is such as enables them to plate large quantities of goods in a brief space of time, and the goods can therefore be shipped fresh plated. An object of interest in this establishment is one of John Roberts & Co.'s hydraulic presses of 500 tons capacity, which, to perfectly imprint the dies of some designs upon the metal, requires almost the entire capacity.

The Meriden Britannia Company report business considerably improved, and are running with the usual force. A good reputation for their products has long been established.

P. & F. Corbin, New Britain, manufacturers of builders' hardware and bronze trimmings, have just completed the trimmings for the new capitol at Hartford. Their works are pretty fully employed, and many new and desirable patterns are being made. A new feature is the manufacture of bit braces.

A recent transfer of property, which bids fair to establish permanently in this country an industry which was formerly unable to meet foreign competition successfully, is the purchase of the entire establishment of the Maltby, Hopson & Brooks Co., of Waterbury, Conn., by Messrs. Miller, Metcalf & Parkin, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and its removal to the latter city. The main difficulty in making steel drill rods, needle wire, &c., the Maltby, Hopson & Brooks Co. found to be obtaining from English steel importers steel rods of uniformly satisfactory quality. The success obtained by Messrs. Miller, Metcalf & Parkin in producing fine steels, cold as well as hot-rolled, is a guarantee for the successful establishment of the new enterprise, aided as they are by the perfection and accuracy of the machinery acquired by their purchase.

## PENNSYLVANIA.

Riehle Bros., Philadelphia, have just received an order from the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. for a 50-ton testing machine, and are at work upon one of 100 tons capacity for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Co.

The new rail mill of the Cambria Iron Works, at Johnstown, has resumed double turn again, and an additional number of workmen have thus been furnished with employment.

The ore and paint mines of D. B. Fisher, at Leesport, are again in operation.

A. & P. Roberts, of the Pencoyd Iron Works, Philadelphia, are making the axles for 400 freight cars now building at the Harrisburg Car Works.

A new brass foundry is being erected in New Castle.

The Croton Glass Works, of New Castle, are in operation, giving employment to 80 persons.

The Sharon Herald says: W. A. Burbank, stove manufacturer, Newton Falls, has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors.

It is thought that both the furnaces at Brier Hill will be in blast within 60 days.

It is reported that one of the furnaces at Mineral Ridge will be blown in by Jonathan Warner.

The charcoal furnace of Spang, Erb & Co., at Lenhartsville, has been overhauled completely; a new coal house has been built,

and a hearth erected. The furnace will be put in blast on Tuesday or Thursday of next week. The best charcoal car wheel iron is manufactured.

The Northampton Furnace, at Shimersville, opposite Freemansburg, was started up Thursday morning last. The furnace is run by the Bethlehem Iron Company.

The following interesting information in regard to the Moselem Furnace is taken from the Reading Times and Dispatch: At Moselem is located the Moselem Furnace, established many years ago, and for a long period operated by Messrs. F. S. Hunter & Bro. Upon the death of the senior member of the firm, the late lamented Frederick S. Hunter, the business was conducted for several years by the surviving partner, Nicholas Hunter, who, in the spring of 1871 failed with liabilities including the partnership of E. Hanford & Co., of New York, amounting to over \$1,000,000. This is the heaviest failure of a single individual ever recorded in Berks county. The Moselem Iron Company were the successors in the management of the Moselem furnace and mines, which corporation having been sold out at Sheriff's sale a little more than a year ago, have been succeeded by Messrs. Leybrant & McDowell, a wealthy firm of Philadelphia, extensive manufacturers of stoves, heaters, and ranges. The Moselem furnace, which is one of the best equipped and most conveniently arranged in the State, is undergoing important alterations and repairs, for the purpose of increasing its capacity by the introduction of P. L. Weimer's latest improvements. The shape of the stack is being changed by an enlargement of the same above and below the boshes, whereby it is expected that the capacity of the furnace will be increased to 185 to 200 tons of first-class iron per week. The weekly production of iron heretofore averaged 115 tons. To admit of these changes the stock house is being extended and deepened, and other important alterations are being made. The success of Mr. Weimer's furnace improvements is leading to their adoption by a number of furnaces in Eastern Pennsylvania. One of the best examples of Mr. Weimer's success is the furnace of the Warwick Iron Company at Pottstown, which heretofore was constantly chilling; whereas since the adoption of the Weimer improvement the furnace works admirably, and its capacity is now larger than that of any other in the Schuylkill valley, being over 300 tons per week. The Moselem furnace improvements, it is expected, will be completed by the first of July, when the furnace will again be put in blast.

We clip the following from the Sharon Herald of the 24th inst. for the week ending Saturday May 18th. At the Western Iron Works, puddle, guide and hoop mills, double turn; bar and sheet mills, single turn; nail factory and nail plate mill, off. Both blast furnaces still keeping up their good name. No. 2 almost turned her thirty-sixth month, and seemed good for 36 more. At the new mill, puddle, guide and one hoop mill, double turn; new hoop mill, off; bar mill, single turn; nail factory on all week. Keel Ridge Furnace working steadily. Stewart Furnace No. 1 got the blast on early on Tuesday morning, the 14th inst., moved off right nicely, doing as well as could be expected for a newly-blown-in furnace. By the last of the week it had worked up to 40 tons a day, Bessemer. Workmen are engaged in tearing out No. 2.

The work of enlarging the shaft on the Gabel iron mine, at Boyertown, has been progressing for some time, and is now completed to the depth of the original mine, about 53 feet. The enlargement is 12 by 14 feet. The mine is worked by the Warwick Iron Company of Pottstown.

The new Douglassville forge is now in active operation. On Wednesday, the 22d inst., the first blooms were made to be shipped to Conshohocken. The forge employs 12 furnacemen, besides engineers and laboring men.

The Philadelphia Screw Company are running their works to their fullest capacity, while orders are being received which indicate an active summer's business.

Selden G. North of Philadelphia is the patentee of "North's Universal Lathe Dog," which seems to be in increasing demand abroad. Shipments have recently been made in response to orders from London, Paris, Hamburg and Australia.

## PITTSBURGH AND VICINITY.

The case of the American Saw Company vs. James E. Emerson of Beaver Falls, was concluded in the United States Circuit Court last week. It seems the defendant was patentee of a saw and sold his right, with an alleged reservation of a right to manufacture himself. On the testimony, the court decided that Emerson had no reserved right. The case is important, as it covers 11 years of manufacturing. Mr. Van Dorn, of New York, appeared for complainants, and Mr. Emerson managed his own case. A final decree was made, sustaining the plaintiff, and an injunction ordered to restrain Emerson from making the saw.

The Lippincott Ax Factory, Pittsburgh, is on full in all its departments.

Moorhead & Co.'s mill, this city, is running full time and with good prospects.

On the 16th inst. Wm. Miller, of Duquesne Forge, completed a Bessemer steel shaft for a steamboat, on the order of Dumont of Cincinnati. The shaft is hexagonal, 21 feet long and 6 inches in diameter, and is the first steel shaft for a steamboat ever forged in Pittsburgh. The steel was made at the Edgar Thomson Steel Works.

The blast furnace of the Clinton Iron Works is shut down for the first time since 1860, except an occasional stoppage for repairs. The reason given by the firm is that they can buy pig iron for less than they can make it. While the situation is favorable for buyers' interests it is hard on a large number of workmen, who must seek employment elsewhere for a time. The firm have 3000 tons of pig iron on hand, and as the rolling mill is only running single turn this amount will last 4 or 5 months. Should orders come in heavily it may be the furnace will start again, but it seems the company are not disposed to push business.

Messrs. Bryce, Walker & Co., started up their glass works on the south side last Monday.

Messrs. Samuel McKnight and John Sed-



den have found a co-partnership under the style of McKnight and Sedden, at 61 Federal street, Allegheny city, one square below the West Pennsylvania and Fort Wayne Railroad depots. They will do a general hardware and cutlery business, and they have a very fine stock of goods on hand.

#### MARYLAND.

Watson's steam forge and iron car-axle factory, at Locust Point, was burned Monday morning, the 20th. Loss \$25,000; insurance over 50 per cent.

#### OHIO.

The Lawrence Iron Works, at Ironton, made an assignment to Evan F. Williams, on Tuesday, the 21st inst. They have not yet made a statement, for they resorted to this movement somewhat suddenly, as they expected to effect such an understanding as to enable them to continue business, but some suits having been brought against them, they concluded to take a course that would be impartial. The general depression of the iron business for the last three years has inflicted loss upon their operations, but even this they could hold up under still longer had not the bottom been knocked out of the credit of the iron business. Since the failure of Etna, it has been exceedingly difficult to use the commercial paper of iron establishments unless secured by outside credit. At least such is the case in Cincinnati and southern Ohio. And this is the state of affairs in which the Lawrence mill is struggling. The assets of the firm largely exceed the liabilities, and it is possible that the necessary extensions may be obtained.—*Ironton Register*.

Tod furnace now under the efficient management of J. G. Butler, Jr., will blow in early next week.

The Portsmouth Tribune say: The Charcoal Iron Company, viz., Buckhorn and Howard furnaces, have asked an extension of their creditors. Their assets largely exceed their liabilities. Messrs. Campbell and Chas. L. Nevins are arranging the affairs of the company, and they will soon be able to pay all they owe.

The Cleveland Rolling Mill Company paid out about \$130,000 for labor on May 13th.

It is reported that a glass works will be built at Massillon at an early date.

The edge tool works of Leetonia are in full blast.

The White Sewing Machine Company are about to erect additions to their works on Canal street, Cleveland.

The average for 12 consecutive days of 9 hours' work at the new rod mill of the Cleveland Rolling Mill Company on No. 4 rods was 42,500 lbs., or a little over 21 tons.

Belfont Furnace, Ironton, shut down work early last week after a successful 10 months' run. The furnace is said to have averaged over 1000 tons per month, and did it on less than 50 bushels fuel per ton of pig. The fuel was about four-fifths coke and one-fifth coal.

Turner, Parks & Co., Cuyahoga Falls, are putting up a building for storage.

The Burgess Steel and Iron Works, at Portsmouth, have recently erected a new steam hammer, to be used exclusively for hammering steel bars. It seems that they have two other hammers for the same purpose, one being a much heavier one, making about 250 "tilts" per minute, and a smaller one, making 350 to the minute. The advantage of the new one is that it is very much heavier than the small one, but with the same amount of steam will make as many "tilts" per minute, thus doing effective work in a rapid manner and at the same cost of a small hammer.

The Glasgow and Port Washington Iron and Coal Company, of Tuscarawas county, have recently discovered a bed of iron ore—a blue carbonate—and a bed of limestone on their property at Port Washington.

G. M. Heard & Co., Cleveland, manufacturers of fine silver and gold plated coach and saddlery hardware, and general gold, silver and nickel platers, are crowded with work. They make a specialty of coach and saddlery hardware, door and number plates, and have gained a reputation for doing first-class work only.

The annual meeting of the Cleveland Iron Mining Company was held at the office of the company on the 15th inst. The following gentlemen were elected directors for the ensuing year: Samuel L. Mather, Selah Chamberlain, J. H. Wade, James Barnett, T. P. Handy, W. J. Gordon, Isaac N. Judson, of New York, and M. L. Hewitt, of Marquette. Samuel L. Mather was elected president and treasurer, and Fred A. Morse, secretary.

Fifty new box cars are building for the Cleveland and Pittsburgh road at the Cleveland shops.

#### ILLINOIS.

Bonnett, Duff & Co., Quincy, have run 15 weeks without losing a heat, and put 16 full cars of stoves into the State of Kansas.

#### MICHIGAN.

The following, compiled from the Marquette Mining Journal, is an exhibit of the shipments of iron ore from the Lake Superior district for the season up to and including Wednesday, May 15:

FROM MARQUETTE.	
Name of Mine.	Gross tons.
Rolling Mill	707
Lake Superior	30,685
Edwards	664
Republic	18,369
Champion	7,322
Cleveland	6,646
McDougal	826
Humboldt	1,839
Winthrop	766
Total	47,878

#### Fig Iron.

Carp River Furnace	458
Pioneer Furnace	119
Total	668

#### FROM L'ANSE.

Michigamme	2,542
J. D. Miller has leased the stove department of the agricultural works, at Wyandotte, and proposes to run it on his own responsibility.	

**Production of Phosphate Rock in South Carolina.**—The mining and manufacturing of the phosphate rock in South Carolina has become one of the leading and most important interests of the State. From small beginnings the shipment and manufacture has risen in nine years to the

large amount of 199,086 tons in 1877-'78, of which 115,965 were shipped to foreign ports, 64,486 tons coastwise, and 16,635 tons were consumed by home manufacturers.

#### Foreign Competition in the English Iron and Hardware Trade.

The *Ironmongers' Review* says: In these days, when foreign competition is menacing so many of our manufacturers with keener competition than has yet been experienced, it may interest our readers to know to what extent this danger has already grown.

Let us first turn to the Belgian iron manufacturers. Here we find that the item of iron beams or girders, now so frequently employed (whether rightly or not is not now within our province). These can be delivered at a price which enables the makers to compete strongly with our home manufacturers, while the quality remains all that can be desired. One drawback against the use of these beams is the fact that none of the foreign firms hold stock in this country. Train and colliery rails are also supplied at a considerably less price than the same can be purchased at either in South Wales, Cleveland or Staffordshire, and we are informed that in all probability several considerable contracts will be lost to our manufacturers on account of their inability to reduce their prices to the same basis as those of their foreign opponents, and this, it must be understood, can be maintained, notwithstanding that the Belgian makers have a heavy carriage to pay, far more than any of our own firms are burdened with.

Nails are also important items, and here we come to an opportunity for some of our enterprising friends to introduce an article which is gradually coming into favor with our carpenters and joiners—we speak of the wire nails. These nails, against which for many years there has been a great prejudice among artificers generally, are slowly but steadily making headway, and considering the many advantages which they possess over the ordinary cut nails, we think it will not be long before they are in universal demand. They drive much easier, there are many more nails to the hundredweight of the same strength than in the cut nails, there is no waste, and if necessary they can be clenched without any fear of breakage. In hob and boot nails and rivets a great advantage is seen both as regards finish and price.

Bolts and nuts for carriage and coach builders, colliery purposes, and for all ordinary use can be supplied from Germany and Belgium at prices against which our manufacturers find it difficult to compete, while timbers and other rivets can be obtained at rates which surprise our English makers.

On the 1st instant a new monthly Brazilian paper was started in this city—the *Correspondencia dos Estados*—partly political and partly commercial, edited by Messrs. H. de Aquino and Mello, for many years past identified with Brazilian interests in this city. The paper is printed in the Portuguese language, and as it is conducted by men of experience, it will be an important addition to the list of periodicals printed here in foreign languages.

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The June number of the *Metallurgical Review* contains a large number of articles by engineers and scientists pre-eminent in their specialties, and therefore the information, the suggestions and the criticisms on topics of far-reaching importance, will command the attention of practical metallurgists and prove of direct benefit to them.

The second part of "Copper Dressing in Lake Superior," by Prof. Eggleston, gives a most detailed, accurate and discriminating description of the well-known Ball Stamp, with careful data as to the duration of its various parts, their weight and a summary of their cost. The work performed by the stamp at various mills is tabulated, thus permitting a very accurate estimation to be made of the amount of work it is able to perform. Among the illustrations are drawings of the details of the mortar which have until now been strictly withheld from the public.

The subject of Prof. W. Mattieu Williams' second contribution to the series, "Studies in Sheffield," is "Homogeneity and Annealing." The author, who is so thoroughly conversant with the important topics now agitating both engineers and metallurgists, makes some suggestions as to the means by which the great desideratum, a metal which shall combine the toughness of iron with the homogeneity of steel, may be attained.

Mr. Andrew A. Blair, chemist to the United States Board appointed to test Iron and Steel, gives a description of a method and an apparatus used by him in the "Determination of the Total Carbon in Iron and Steel." Both the method and the apparatus are the result of careful investigation, the methods used hitherto being found incapable of meeting the requirements of the Board—extreme accuracy, reasonable speed and no undue difficulty of manipulation. Chemists who are frequently called upon to make the determination of total carbon in iron and steel, will find the apparatus eminently adapted to the purpose, to which should be added that it possesses the advantage of being cheap.

The second installment of Mr. Alex. L. Holley's paper on the "Terrenoire Process of Making Solid Steel Castings," gives numerous illustrations of the practice taken from actual working charges made at Terrenoire, the exact amounts charged and time required, the nature of the tests being accurately detailed. The fact that the process has been introduced with conspicuous success in an American crucible works, proves the great importance of the subject to steel makers in this country.



# Trade Report.

Office of The Iron Age,  
WEDNESDAY EVENING, May 29, 1878.

The past week has been characterized by an improvement in the general condition of the financial markets—partly because of increasing confidence in the stability of investment shares, and partly because of the improved prospects of peace in Europe. The money market is still very easy, the sales in call having declined to 2 1/2 %.

The gold market has gained a temporary strength from the heavy demand for coin to meet the settlements for the 4 1/2 % bonds. The following table shows the daily range of the premium since our last report:

	Highest.	Lowest.
Thursday.....	100 1/2	100 1/2
Friday.....	101 1/2	100 1/2
Saturday.....	101 1/2	100 1/2
Monday.....	101 1/2	100 1/2
Tuesday.....	101 1/2	100 1/2
Wednesday.....	101 1/2	101

The bond market has been strong, with a steady advance in prices. During the week the syndicate sold all the United States 4 1/2 per cents they have for sale, although for reasons which concern the convenience of settlements with the Treasury, they have not taken the remaining \$15,000,000. The delivery of these bonds to the persons, firms and banks that have bought them from the syndicate is therefore temporarily delayed. During the week \$5,000,000 more 5-20 6 per cents were called in for redemption, out of the proceeds of the sales of United States 4 per cents by popular subscription.

State bonds are dull and steady; railroad bonds are buoyant on an active investment demand, and quotations show an advance of 1/2 @ 4 1/2 %.

The stock market was quiet and steady early in the week, but towards the close it became active and strong, with an advance of 1/4 @ 5 1/2 %. The principal dealings have been in Lake Shore, St. Paul, Northwest, D. L. & W., and Western Union. We give below the closing quotations of active shares.

The principal changes in the bank statement for this week are the gain of \$3,003,800 in legal tender notes, which shows how strong the current of money is running toward this center, and the loss of \$3,203,100 in specie, which reflects the movement of gold from the ownership of private persons, who had the gold on special deposit in the banks, to the ownership of the United States Treasury. As the Treasury has the power to place gold on deposit with banks its disappearance from bank vaults causes no alarm to the money market. The resulting difference, on the total reserve, because of these changes, is only \$199,300, and the effect on the surplus reserve, which is also influenced by the change in deposits, is only \$24,100; the surplus reserve this week being \$14,104,675, against \$14,128,775 last week. So far as the money market is concerned the situation is therefore not essentially different from a week ago. The following is a comparison of the averages of the New York banks for the last two weeks:

	May 18.	May 25.	Difference.
Loans.....	\$233,122,600	\$233,997,200	Inc. \$874,600
Specie.....	23,030,200	19,827,100	Dec. 3,203,100
Legal tenders	41,023,100	44,023,900	Inc. 3,000,800
Deposits.....	199,686,100	198,985,300	Dec. 700,800
Circulation.....	20,012,300	20,005,800	Dec. 6,500

The foreign trade movements for the week are shown in the following tables:

For week ended May 25:

	1876.	1877.	1878.
Total for week.....	\$2,240,422	\$6,782,681	\$4,260,232
Prev. reported.....	128,037,123	128,829,644	112,721,137

Since Jan. 1.....\$133,277,545 \$135,612,325 \$116,682,669

Included in the imports of general merchandise were articles valued as follows:

	Quantity.	Value.
Anvils.....	65	\$597
Brass goods.....	5	434
Bronzes.....	4	377
Copper.....	23,030,200	19,827,100
Cutlery.....	28	16,449
Guns.....	28	6,660
Iron, pig, tons.....	300	6,133
Iron, sheet, tons.....	10	1,357
Iron, other, tons.....	10	1,357
Metal goods.....	291	5,143
Needles.....	5	5,183
Nickel.....	4	1,479
Old metal.....	1	103
Per. caps.....	8	1,357
Saddlery.....	5	8,737
Steel.....	502	2,400
Spelter.....	28	106,787
Tin, bks.....	21,174	101
Tin, 300 slabs.....	101	4,477
Wire.....	101	4,477

EXPORTS, EXCLUSIVE OF SPECIE.

For week ended May 28:

	1876.	1877.	1878.
For the week.....	\$5,224,430	\$4,827,590	\$6,665,893
Prev. reported.....	91,575,975	101,876,011	133,709,070

Since Jan. 1.....\$6,799,595 \$106,699,601 \$140,367,966

EXPORTS, EXCLUSIVE OF SPECIE.

	1876.	1877.	1878.
Total for week.....	\$104,303	\$104,303	\$104,303
Previously reported.....	7,697,273	7,697,273	7,697,273

Total since Jan. 1, 1878.....\$7,801,576

Same time in 1877.....\$4,797,274

Same time in 1876.....\$4,199,017

Same time in 1875.....\$3,474,344

Same time in 1874.....\$2,099,780

Same time in 1873.....\$2,314,817

Same time in 1872.....\$2,474,197

Same time in 1871.....\$2,174

Same time in 1870.....\$101

Government bonds at the close were quoted as follows:

U. S. Currency 6's.....121 1/2

U. S. 6's 1881 registered.....108 1/2

U. S. 6's 1881 coupon.....108 1/2

U. S. 6's 1885 new reg.....104 1/2

U. S. 6's 1885 coupon.....104 1/2

U. S. 6's 1887 reg.....107 1/2

U. S. 6's 1887 coupon.....107 1/2

U. S. 6's 1888 reg.....107 1/2

U. S. 6's 1888 coupon.....107 1/2

The following were the closing quotations of active shares:

Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph.....	22 1/2	23
Chicago and Northwest.....	53 1/2	54
Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific.....	77 1/2	77 1/2
Chicago, Bur. and Quincy.....	112 1/2	112 1/2
Col. Chicago and Ind. Central.....	104 1/2	105
Clev. Col. Cin. and Ind.....	28 1/2	28 1/2
Cleveland and Pittsburgh.....	80 1/2	81
Chicago and Alton.....	78 1/2	78 1/2
Canton.....	101	101
Delaware, Lack. and Western.....	15 1/2	15 1/2
Delaware and Hudson Canal.....	55 1/2	55 1/2
Express-Adams.....	50 1/2	50 1/2
American.....	49 1/2	49 1/2
United States.....	47 1/2	47 1/2
Wells, Fargo & Co.....	91 1/2	91 1/2
Erle.....	14 1/2	14 1/2
Harlem.....	147 1/2	147 1/2
Hannibal and St. Joseph.....	11 1/2	11 1/2
Illinois Central.....	27 1/2	27 1/2
Kansas Pacific.....	7 1/2	7 1/2
Lake Shore.....	62 1/2	63
Michigan Central.....	66 1/2	66 1/2
Morris and Essex.....	84 1/2	84 1/2
Milwaukee and St. Paul.....	54 1/2	54 1/2
Mariposa.....	2 1/2	2 1/2
New York Central.....	110 1/2	110 1/2
New Jersey Central.....	23 1/2	24
New Jersey Southern.....	1 1/2	1 1/2
Ohio and Mississippi.....	8 1/2	8 1/2
Pacific Mail.....	18 1/2	18 1/2
Panama.....	118 1/2	120
Pittsburgh and Fort Wayne.....	9 1/2	9 1/2
Quicksilver.....	15 1/2	15 1/2
St. Louis and Iron Mountain.....	3 1/2	3 1/2
St. Louis Kansas City Northern.....	6 1/2	6 1/2
Toledo, Wabash and Western.....	21 1/2	22
Union Pacific.....	13 1/2	14 1/2
Western Union Telegraph.....	83 1/2	83 1/2

## GENERAL HARDWARE.

The week under review has been an uneventful one in the Hardware trade. No changes in values have been reported, and the volume of business is about the same as the previous week.

That the Paris Exposition is attracting a good many of the prominent Hardware men of the country is evident from the fact that on Saturday last E. Hilger and F. A. Witte, both of St. Louis, and Joseph Lautner, of Allegheny City, sailed from this port for Europe, and to-morrow (30th instant) Samuel A. Haines, of Graham & Haines, will be a passenger by the steamship City of Montreal. Mr. Haines will make an extended tour, visiting the principal cities of Great Britain and the Continent in the interest of manufacturers represented by his house.

We have always believed and frequently said that a personal examination of foreign markets, a study of the habits of other nations and a careful inquiry concerning their needs, is the surest and best way of establishing permanent and profitable commercial relations with them, and we are glad that so many gentlemen, representing our hardware industries, are this season going abroad with this object in view. We wish them pleasant voyages and success in proportion to the enterprise they show in going.

There seems to be a decided tendency toward lower prices on Loose Pin and Loose Joint Cast Butts, including Japanned (but not including Japanned with Silvered Acorns), and for such goods our quotations must be considered nominal.

Horace Durrie & Co., No. 97 Chambers street, have taken the agency for the "Family" Bench Vise. This Vise is made in two sizes, both plain and ornamental, and is offered to the trade at a very low price, as will be seen by the following list, the regular discount from which is 15 per cent. In their circular they say of this Vise: "It is as perfectly adjusted with Malleable Iron Screw, and works as well as an article costing five times as much; is handsomely japanned, or ornamented in colors, and sells at sight. No family can afford to be without one. It is handy for so many purposes. It supplies a need long felt in every household. It can be made fast in a second to a table, counter, arm chair, or any projection. We think that a sample order will demonstrate that they will sell readily, paying the retailer fully 50 per cent. profit."

FAMILY VISE.—PRICE LIST.

	No. 1, Plain Japanned, 1 1/2 in. Jaw.....	Per doz.
No. 2.....	2	7.50
No. 3, Ornamented, 1 1/2 ".....	2	7.50
No. 4.....	2	9.00

There is an improved demand for Nails this week, which is rather an unusual occurrence so near the close of the month; this is partly accounted for by the very low rates at present ruling, and the prudent and conservative manner in which the trade who buy these goods have acted all through the season, and by reason of which stocks in dealers' and consumers' hands are believed to be unusually light. There is no improvement to note in the tone of the market, which continues in the unsettled condition in regard to prices which we have noticed for several weeks. We quote 10d. to 6d. \$2.40, net, in lots of 25 to 100 kegs, but large buyers would have no difficulty in obtaining a concession from this figure.

Burger & Baumgard, No. 98 Duane street, have been appointed sole Eastern agents for the sale of the Monroe Patent Combined Glossing and Fluting Irons. These Irons are made both with brass and nickel plated flutes.

The following circular explains itself:

NEW YORK, May 20, 1878.

DEAR SIR: We have sold our entire stock of Emery to Messrs. Leveridge & Hayes, of No. 113 Chambers street, New York City, and have requested them to fill all orders you may send.

We solicit for them your future orders.

THE HART, BLIVEN & MEAD MFG. CO.,

No. 107 Chambers street, N. Y.

Henry Disston & Sons illustrate, in their advertisement on the 20th page, a large assortment of Cross-Cut Saws, both patent and common teeth. In addition to their own

brands and patterns of these goods, they make for their customers such special Saws as their localities and trade may require.

The D. K. Miller Lock Co., Philadelphia, have increased their capital. They inform us they are now in a position to turn out a large quantity of goods and to offer them on specially advantageous terms.

We invite attention to the advertisement, on the 5th page, of James Rowland & Co. As previously mentioned, they have commenced the manufacture of Nails, and they are now prepared to fill orders, and solicit correspondence from the trade.

## IRON.

American Pig.—The Iron market continues in the depressed condition so frequently noticed of late. Rumors of sales of considerable quantities at low prices are current, but particulars are withheld. Among the recent sales of Iron we hear of a lot of Carbon No. 2 which was purchased by a dealer some four or five years ago at about \$40, closed out at \$15.50. This sale was made not for want of money on the part of the holder, but from a realization of the hopelessness of carrying it longer in expectation of a better price. We continue to quote: Foundry No. 1, \$16.50 @ \$18; Foundry No. 2, \$15.50 @ \$17, and Gray Forge, \$14.50 @ \$16.

Scotch Pig.—The only transaction reported in Scotch Iron since our last is the sale of 100 tons Gleggarnock, to arrive, on private terms. We quote: Gleggarnock, \$23.75; Eglinton, \$22.75, and Coltness, \$24.

Rails.—In Iron Rails no business is reported, and in Steel we hear of two orders for 10,000 and 1000 tons respectively, for fall delivery, being placed on private terms. We quote: Steel at mill, \$43 @ \$44, and Iron according to quality, terms, &c., \$32 @ \$36.

Old Rails.—In the absence of business, we quote nominally, \$17 @ \$18.

Scrap.—We quote No. 1 Wrought from yard, \$20 @ \$21.

## METALS.

Copper.—Is arriving in large lots from the Lake region, but the demand is light still, manufacturing not going on actively. Sales have thus been confined to 150,000 pounds Lake Superior, at 16 1/2¢ @ 16 1/2¢. Baltimore may be quoted 16 1/2¢ @ 16 1/2¢, nominally. Futures of Lake Copper we quote 16 1/2¢ @ 16 1/2¢, which is also the closing quotation on the spot. London reports no further change, although there are rumors of latest quotations showing a further advance of some importance in Chili Bars. The political news from Europe is now highly favorable. A Congress of the great powers is about to assemble, and there seems to be a general belief that an amicable settlement of existing difficulties will surely be arrived at, a hope which is shared on this side. Should these expectations be fulfilled, there will be ample room for improvement in the entire Metal branch in Europe, the advance in Chili Bars being a sign that the Europeans fully comprehend the advantages which are to accrue to general business, and to Metals in particular, from a removal of these vexed questions which have exercised such a depressing influence on everything on the other side since the late war was brought to a close. It stands to reason that if London takes the lead in a lasting improvement in Copper and other metals, we shall follow after a while, if not immediately. Hence we do not say too much in asserting that, so far as our observation goes, there is a feeling of greater hopefulness in Metal circles in this city which may soon bear fruit in the shape of renewed purchases on the part of dealers and consumers who are still hesitating. Mail accounts have reached us from London bearing date 18th inst. They express themselves to the following effect: "There is little doing in English sorts, which we quote 26s for Ingots; 25s, Best Selected; 27s, Sheets. Some speculative inquiry has caused an advance in foreign descriptions." The combination prices for Manufactured Copper are unchanged, and at these rates the demand continues on a fair scale. English Yellow Sheathing Metal is in only moderate request, but the price is steady at 14 1/2¢. We quote: New Sheathing Copper, 26¢; Braziers', 28¢, and Bolts, 28¢; American Yellow Sheathing Metal, 20¢; Yellow Metal Bolts, 25¢, and English Yellow Sheathing Metal, 14 1/2¢ @ 15¢, currency, in bond.

Tin.—Our market is steady, after the sale, on private terms, of 1000 slabs Straits. We quote large lines, in gold, as follows: Straits, 14 1/2¢; English Refined, 14 1/2¢; do. Common, 14¢, and Banca, 17¢ @ 17 1/2¢. Of the latter 20,000 slabs sold in Holland by the Trading Society yesterday at a figure not yet officially reported, but presumed to have been 30 guilders the 50 kilos. London cables Straits 262, while Singapore cables \$18.25 per picul. The attention of the metal trade at the present moment is attracted more particularly by Tin Plates, which article is in an exceptionally favorable position in view of the prolongation of curtailed production which seems to have been resolved upon in Wales. Instead of three months, the reduced output is to last to the close of the current year, which circumstance places Tin Plates, if coinciding with the peaceful settlement of politics, upon a more solid basis than they have been resting on for a great many years past. This is all the more the case so far as we on this side are concerned, if we take into consideration the light stocks in the hands of consumers and the trade here. While what precedes has become apparent, the market has begun to develop greater activity daily, and has now become very strong, closing as follows: Charcoal Bright, \$6 @ \$6.25; ditto Turned, \$5.50 @ \$5.62 1/2; Coke Tin, \$5 @ \$5.25, and ditto Turned, \$4.87 1/2 @ \$5, all gold, per box, ordinary brands, large lots.

Lead.—Last Thursday 300 tons St. Joseph's Common Domestic sold at 3 1/4¢, currency, and since then small lots of choice Lead (Refined) have still been placed at the same

figure. We hear that Lead is now offered even below 3 1/4¢, currency, but it would seem that no buyers can be found. The fact is manufacturers seem to be unwilling to buy at anything above 3¢, currency. Stocks remain undiminished. In writing from England they express themselves as follows: "Lead still exhibits no improvement. We quote good soft English Pig, \$16. 17/6; Sheet, \$18. 7/6; Pipe, \$18. 12/6 per ton, less 3 1/2¢ free on board; soft Spanish, without silver, \$16. 10/ @ \$16. 12/6, less 2 1/2¢ ex quay." There is some demand for Manufactured at our last quotations, viz., 5 1/2¢ for Bar, 6¢ for Pipe, 6¢ for Sheet and 15¢ for Tin-lined Pipe, all less 10¢ to the trade.

Spelter and Zinc.—Domestic Spelter remains very dull; we quote the same 4 1/4¢ @ 5¢, currency, and Refined 8 1/2¢, currency. Silesian we quote 5 1/2¢, gold, nominally. It is dull and easy in London, whence another giving way of 12/6 per ton is reported. Sheet Zinc.—There is some demand for Sheet, but trade is rather dull and prices more or less nominal. We quote Mosselmann 7 1/2¢ @ 7 1/2¢, gold, and Domestic, 6 1/2¢ @ 6 1/2¢, currency.

Nickel.—Nothing of special interest has transpired in this metal which, as heretofore, we quote \$1.30, currency.

Antimony.—A moderate business is transacting therein; we quote Cookson 12 1/2¢, gold, and Hallet and other brands, 12 1/2¢, gold.

## COAL.

The state of the trade during the past week has not been such as to cause great encouragement among dealers in this city, although there has been some little trade done, especially in Lehigh Coals. This increase of trade was naturally expected in view of the rise in price announced for June. The auction sale which took place yesterday showed the effect of the proposed increase of price, and in consequence Coal advanced at the auction sale of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company between 5¢ and 10¢ per ton. The amount sold was 50,000 tons, deliverable at Hoboken in June. Mr. F. E. Seward kindly furnishes us the following figures:

	Sold at	Average.
5,000 tons Steamer.....	\$3.42 1/2 @	\$3.42 1/2
10,000 tons Grate.....	3.45 @	3.45
10,000 tons Egg.....	3.55 @	3.55 1/2
20,000 tons Steamer.....	3.75 @	3.75
5,000 tons Chestnut.....	3.85 @	3.85

The following is a comparison with previous sales this year:

Size.	Jan. 30.	Feb. 27.	March 27.	May 1.
Steamer.....	\$3.10	\$3.11 1/2	\$3.25	\$3.30 1/2
Grate.....	3.12 1/2	3.07 1/2	3.21 1/2	3.30
Egg.....	3.14	3.15 1/2	3.40	3.45
Stove.....	3.57	3.55	3.60 1/2	3.70 1/2
Chestnut.....	3.44	3.00	3.18	3.15
Pea.....	2.12 1/2			

Prices are much unsettled. The Lehigh Valley Company quote their circular rates as net, but have not advanced their prices. Much doubt is expressed in various quarters in regard to the continuance of the combination, many deeming it impossible for it to last through the season; others, however, think that it will have no trouble and assert that it is stronger than any combination which has preceded it.

## OLD METALS, PAPER STOCK, ETC.

The market for Old Metals, Paper Stock, Rags and other junk materials has continued without any special feature of interest since our last report. Business is without activity and prices remain nominally unchanged.

The purchasing prices offered by dealers for Old Metals are as follows:

Copper, heavy.....	per lb. \$0.12 1/2 @	..
Copper Bottoms.....	10 1/2 @	..
Yellow Metal.....	..	..
Brass, heavy.....	..	..
Brass, light.....	..	..
Composition, heavy.....	..	..
Lead solid.....	..	..
Tea Lead.....	..	..
Zinc.....	..	..
Pewter, No. 1.....	..	..
Pewter, No. 2.....	..	..
Wrought Iron.....	pr ton. \$16.00 @	..
Light do.....	..	..
Stove Plate.....	..	..
Machinery do.....	..	..
Grate Bars.....	..	..

The prices current for Rags, &c., are as follows:

Canvas, Linen.....	per lb. 3 c. @ 3 1/2 c.	..
" Cotton, No. 1.....	..	..
" No. 2.....	..	..
White, No. 1.....	..	..
" No. 2.....	..	..
Seconds.....	..	..
Mixed, Woolen.....	..	..
Gunny bagging.....	..	..
Gunny butts.....	..	..
Kentucky bagging.....	..	..
Book Stock.....	..	..
Newspaper Stock.....	..	..
Waste Paper and Scraps.....	..	..
Kentucky Bale Rope.....	..	..
Oakum Junk, No. 1.....	..	..
" No. 2.....	..	..
Tarred Shaking.....	..	..



utes here, and quote the market as follows: "Chili bars deliverable at Havre, 170 francs the 100 kilos; common ditto, 165; Ingota, 170; Tough Cake, 173-75; Best Selected, 175, and pure Corcoro Ore. 175. Havre remains steady. First brands Chili bars there, 165 to 166.25; good current ditto, 162.50; and 104 and Urmatta, at 25. Mullet and small metal are quoted as follows: Spanish, 160; slabs, 157-50; Red Tokat, 160 to 165; small Red Ingota, 175; Bolts, 195; Sheathing, 190, and yellow Metal ditto, 170. Tin.—Whenever the supplies from one quarter abate a little, there is increased shipments from another, and as the inventories are no larger, the metal is statistically worse off every month. The market here has



been upheld with difficulty. We quote Banca, deliverable at Havre, 180 francs the 100 kilos; Billiton, 171; Straits, 170; Australian, 167.50, and English at Havre or Rouen, 167.50. Marseilles is quietest. They quote Straits 165; Billiton, 170; English Refined, 180, and Banca, 175. It had been confidently hoped that the decline in Lead would at length have been stayed, but to our regret this has not been the case, at least not in England, and we are correspondingly weak here. We quote the range 42 @ 43 francs the 100 kilos, while Soft, at Marseilles, remains nominally 40.75, and Sheet and Pipe, 46.75. Havre quotes Spanish 43 @ 44, Spelter. Although not as unfavorably situated as the preceding metals, it is also ill sustained. We are inactive and weak here, and quote Silesian 47.50 @ 48.50 francs the 100 kilos. Marseilles still quotes Sheet Zinc 60 @ 62, and old Remelted, 43. Iron.—Merchant iron here is still in a bad way and may be obtained here, delivered at the depot, at 157.50 francs, which leaves the maker but 147 francs at the works. Even at this low figure consumers show little inclination to anticipate requirements. In the Haute Marne the tendency as regards special iron has rather improved, and remunerative prices are now being realized in that locality. Pig iron is, however, in less request there, and No. 3 second fusion, in selling moderate quantities at 85 francs; affnage is bringing 107 @ 110. Forges in the Franche-Comte are reducing their output 50%, hoping thus to weather an unpropitious period. Merchant iron there is doing slowly at 170 @ 180 as to quantity. Hard and hollow ware is selling better. In the Ardennes there is not much activity displayed just at present; orders are not plentiful, and the stock begins to accumulate. At the North there seems to be no remedy left but to cut down expenses to the utmost, and the various works are actively competing for the few orders dropping in. In the Meurthe and Moselle Pig iron has remained steady, but the demand is languishing and the supply slowly increases. There was a rumor in the district at latest dates, that important commands for railroad material had been received from Russia. Coal.—The absence of buoyancy in the iron regions of France keeps Coal in an unfavorable plight; the output has to be checked, expenses have to be reduced, the Anzin Company taking the lead in this respect, and contemplating a lowering of wages, we understand, by 10%.

## BELGIUM.

(Revue Universelle.)

BRUSSELS, May 12, 1878.—Iron.—Want of activity has been the main characteristic of the week. Iron prices are heavy. The only thing still doing is the filling of remanants of old orders; new contracts there are none making. In default of something better our iron masters are falling back on government adjudications, and competition to obtain awards is very great. At an adjudication for 1000 yards of gas pipe at Tervuerde the lowest offer made was at the ruinous figure of 12.95 francs the 100 kilos for tubes of various diameters. On the 23rd inst. there will be an opening of tenders here for the furnishing of the rolling stock of some railway cars, together with other minor vehicles for rolling stock. The Grand Central Railroad Company of Belgium has just published its statement for 1877. The share of the dividends accrued to each department has been the following: Wages to the men in the depots and shops, 65%; repairs, 15%; water, 25%; salaries to engineers and firemen, 17.5%; coal, 31.5%; lubricating oil, 4.5%; petty expenses, 2.5%; and replenishing rolling stock, 37.5%. Each locomotive has run double the distance it did in 1865. The engineers of Liege and Ghent have abandoned the plan of opening an office of information at the Paris Exhibition. Mr. A. Brasseur, engineer, will publish a work there in octavo, of 500 pages, having reference to Belgian industry, and containing a directory of leading Belgian firms engaged in manufactures. Coal is inactive; stock on hand is increasing, and production will have to be curtailed.

## GERMANY.

(Borussia.)

HAMBURG, May 11, 1878.—Metals.—We take pleasure in stating that the crops in Germany look promising, and that there is thus a favorable basis for a good consumptive demand for all sorts of commodities, provided drawbacks of a political nature do not interfere and thwart the otherwise rather encouraging aspect. Stocks of metals in the hands of consumers and the trade are moderate, prices are low and the money market is easy. A revival in the demand may, therefore, be looked forward to with some confidence ere midsummer intervenes. Copper has been generally quiet, and prices have just held their own, and no more. No change here or at Stettin. Berlin quotes: English and Australian, 71 @ 72 marks the 50 kilos, and Mansfield, 74.75 @ 75. Very little has transpired in Tin, which has been put down as decidedly weak, although nominally unchanged here, at Berlin and Stettin. Lead.—Sales are effected very slowly, and prices are feebly sustained all over Germany, especially here and at Stettin. Berlin quotes: Tarnowitz, Hartz and Saxonia, 17 @ 17.25 marks the 50 kilos. Spelter, although inactive, has, on the whole, been steady. No alteration can be reported from here and from Stettin. Berlin quotes: Silesian, 18.50 @ 19 marks the 50 kilos.

## HOLLAND.

(Kock &amp; Vlierboom.)

ROTTERDAM, May 14, 1878.—Tin is dull. Banca has sold at 32.50 guilders the 100 kilos. The asking price for Billiton is 37.50. The third sale of Banca Tin by the Netherlands Trading Society will be held on the 28th inst. when there will be offered 20,100 slabs Banca.

## EAST INDIES.

(Schmidt, Kustermann &amp; Co.)

PENANG, April 6, 1878.—Tin.—Purchases for Europe have been less active in view of the threatening political outlook. The low quotations cabled from London have also produced a lull. Sales for the week sum up 4540 piculs. Prices have given way gradually from \$18.05 @ \$17.85 @ picul, closing finally at the inside figure. Stock in bazaar, 400 piculs.

## Our English Letter.

## Review of the British Iron, Steel, Metal and Hardware Trades.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

LONDON, ENG., May 14, 1878.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION, which naturally governs the business outlook, is now believed to be considerably brighter and more pacific than was the case a week ago. This better state of feeling has to a great extent arisen out of the journey of Count Schouvaloff from this capital to St. Petersburg. The public press appear to be what is commonly called "cock sure" about the peaceful opening afforded by this incident, but it appears to me that their gratulatory writings may prove to be a little premature. Certainly nothing I have seen in any quarter has been sufficiently positive or definite to give any real and tangible ground for supposing that the Count's mission is clearly intended to avert further misunderstandings between this country and Russia. Everybody hopes that such may be the case, yet there have been so many "slips" that we fear even yet to count our chickens lest the hatching thereof should result in another miserable adding.

## THE PRIVATEERS ON YOUR COASTS

in the meantime continue to excite some attention, but no alarm. People seem to recognize nothing to be afraid of in the idea, but rather appear disposed to set down the whole thing as being a somewhat clumsy device on the part of Muscovite diplomats, purposely played off in order to draw off attention from their "little games" in Eastern Europe. Anyhow the ship owners

don't appear to be greatly alarmed, for during the past few days freights from South Wales and elsewhere for coal and iron &c., have been reduced by 1/6 and 2/ per ton.

## VARIOUS OPINIONS

continue to be held and expressed as to whether trade in iron, steel and hardware is really reviving, or the contrary. Those who argue affirmatively have good grounds for their theory in the shape of the exceedingly marked improvement set forth by the Board of Trade returns for the month of April (as fully detailed by me last week), while their opponents allege that the better condition of the foreign business is fully or more than fully discounted by the dreadful dullness of all the home markets. There may, it is true, be something in both these ideas, but the impression in my own mind is that there is a decided alteration for the better, yet that manufacturers are finessing by concealing all they know lest it should lead their workpeople to renew agitations for higher wages or shorter hours. Presently this "dissembling" will not be possible, but a start will have been secured which will be of great service to all who have had its benefit early in the struggle. The

## AMERICAN COMPETITION,

of which so much has been written during the past few years, is still a subject of newspaper discussion in this country, and may very well continue to be so with not a little advantage to manufacturers on both sides the water. Writing on the question, however, the smart Birmingham correspondent of the *Ironmonger* handles the "Central England" man of your Pittsburgh contemporary rather roughly. He says, to use his own words: "Some amusement has been caused this week among the nail and tack manufacturers of Birmingham by the bombastic and misleading reports of the progress of American competition here, published by the *American Manufacturer* from their special correspondent in Central England." According to this imaginative gentleman, no article of English manufacture suffers so much in the comparison with American goods as 'the barbarously-shaped and completed nail of England' beside the 'splendid Pittsburgh nail'; and 'the English tacks are as bad as the English nails'; they are ugly and they are blunt, whereas 'the Pittsburgh tacks are like the Pittsburgh nails'; they are pretty and they are sharp—sharp almost as the point of a needle, and, as a consequence, Pittsburgh tacks are selling here. The writer is mistaken. Neither Pittsburgh nails nor Pittsburgh tacks have any footing in the English market, for which their patterns and their prices are alike unsuited; but large quantities of English-made tacks and rivets are exported to the United States, and some American manufacturers are even getting rivets made here to their own patterns, and importing them in their own printed wrappers as American-made goods. There is no secret here about this business, many tons of brass shoe rivets for the American market being turned out weekly—among others, by Mr. Turton, of Great Tindal street. It is odd, if the American goods are so superior to those of English make, that the American makers should give out their orders to be executed in this country.

## SCOTCH PIG IRON

has been dull and lifeless throughout the entire week. In some quarters an impression is beginning to prevail that Scotch Pig is being ousted from many foreign markets, where it has long had a large sale. On the other hand, new openings are being found for its consumption in Australia and other of the British colonies. There are now 174,292 tons in Connal & Co.'s public stores, besides stocks in makers' hands. At this date last year Connal's warehouses held 135,359 tons. The total shipments to date this year exhibit a falling off of 15,527 tons from the same period of 1877.

James Watson & Co. report: "During the past week the Iron market has been very dull with a limited business doing. Monday being a holiday there was no market held. On Tuesday it opened at 49/8 and declined to 49/5 per ton. On Wednesday business was done at 49/5 and 49/5 1/2 cash, also 49 1/4 days, while yesterday it was steady from 49/4 1/2 @ 49/6 cash, and 50/ three months. To-day the market is firmer, business being transacted at 49/6 and 49/7 cash, closing buyers at the former figure and sellers at the latter." We quote:

	No. 1.	No. 3.
G. M. B., at Glasgow.....	50/0	49/
Gartsherrie, ".....	50/6	49/
Coltness, ".....	50/6	49/6
Summerlee, ".....	50/	51/
Langloan, ".....	50/6	51/6
Garraoch, ".....	50/6	50/
Calder, at Port Dundas.....	50/6	50/
Glengarnock, at Ardrossan.....	50/6	50/
Eglington, ".....	50/6	49/6
Dalmellington, ".....	50/6	49/6
Shotts, at Leith.....	50/	50/6
Kinnell, at Bonness.....	50/6	51/

John E. Swan & Bros., Limited, and Wm. Colvin & Co.'s reports coincide with the above.

Last week's shipments from The Clyde included these: Trinidad and Demerara—sugar-making machinery, £3338; 80 tons wrought iron tubes, £114; 1 1/2 tons iron castings, £26. Adelaide—machinery, £80; 9 1/4 tons wrought iron rivets, £113; 12 1/4 tons iron castings, £979; 20 1/2 tons galvanized iron, £323; 4 1/2 tons wrought-iron tubes and fittings, £62; wrought iron, £22. Antwerp—machinery, £150; 10 tons wrought iron, £171; sewing machines, £592; 2 tons wrought-iron tubes, £45. Valencia—203 tons iron castings, £1670; sewing machines £1000. Mediterranean—195 1/2 tons iron castings, £1881; iron plates, £20; sewing machines, £1513; 5 tons wrought-iron tubes, £75; unenumerated iron and steel manufactures, £165. Savanilla and Barranquilla—machinery, £152; one iron barge, £380; hull of iron steamer, £2035. New York—machinery, £179; 4 tons iron castings, £91; 1 1/4 tons malleable iron tubes, £33. Mauritius—7 1/2 tons boiler tubes and fittings, £172; sugar-making machinery, £3412; 70 tons malleable iron, £514; 2 1/4 tons iron castings, £315; steam boilers and fittings, £2175; 2 locomotive engines and fittings, £1400. Rio de Janeiro—2269 tons iron castings, £12,442. St. Nazaire and Bordeaux—sewing machines, £550; 4 1/2 tons wrought iron, £96. Gothenburg—2 1/4 tons iron castings, £54; 12 1/4 tons wrought iron tubes, £147. Jamaica—7 tons iron castings, £32;

1/2 ton hoop iron, £4. San Francisco—machinery, £4750. From Greenock: Trinidad—agricultural machinery, £13. Havana (via Liverpool)—cast-iron pipes, £96; iron castings, £396.

## THE ELECTRIC LIGHT

is at length beginning to excite a good deal of close attention, so that the invention bids fair to presently pass out of the realms of speculation into that of actual accomplishment. Already I hear of tests with it on a large scale both in this country and in France. The Hotel de Louvre and other large buildings in Paris are nightly illuminated by it, while at Stockton Messrs. Head, Wrighton & Co.'s iron works are having it in use, and at Manchester a large cotton factory is being fitted with its appliances. To illustrate what effect this sort of progress may have shortly, I may say that in several towns and cities the shares of Gas Companies are going down in value.

## AT SHEFFIELD

there does not appear to be much new business in hand, yet one or two of my friends there tell me that they are in receipt of a better class of orders for steel of various kinds, and that some of these favors are from markets—colonial and foreign—whence no such orders had ever previously emanated. I think I am violating no confidence when I state that one of these newer customers is India, which is taking much larger consignments of steel files and tools than at any former period of its history. To Egypt also considerable shipments are being effected, and other parts of that *terra incognita*—the Great African continent—are being most inquisitorially looked after. My information also leads me to the conclusion that many of the Sheffield houses, especially the older concerns, might do much more business if they would abandon the nowadays absurd practice of adhering rigidly to their price lists. The quotations of a few years back may do very well for a few choice old brands for special purposes, but will not pay in the general run of trade. It is an ostrich-like policy to adhere to these high figures, which must yield profits of 30 to 50 per cent., while newer prices at home and active competitors in America and on the Continent are so eagerly attracting all the customers they can secure. Some of the better known Sheffield steel manufacturers are at this moment void of orders simply because they uniformly decline them except at their full and stereotyped list prices. In the sheep-shear trade some of the workmen have caused "a bother" by offering opposition to the introduction of machinery by Mr. Ward (Ward and Payne) for grinding the common goods produced for South America, but the men are now, it is stated, likely to be defeated by the vigorous action of Mr. Ward, that gentleman having threatened to remove his business to another town; this seems likely to win the struggle. In cutlery most of the older houses are doing a very good turnover, much of it on account of your markets—particularly for the South.

## STAFFORDSHIRE AND BIRMINGHAM

are a little better engaged in respect of almost all the better classes of sheet iron, bars, plates, and galvanizing qualities. The government requirements have something to do with this retention of briskness, but in other respects stronger necessities have been put forward, with the result which I have indicated. All the official list figures have not changed, but it "goes without saying" that current competition has so materially enlarged individual discounts that it is practically impossible to say at what prices the sales of the day are being transacted. In fact, as a friend reminded me the other day, discounts and list prices were invented simply to "bother" customers and to keep each of them and other makers in the dark as to the actual doings of competitive producers. The hardware industries are for the most part steadily engaged, albeit none of them are thoroughly busy. By the spring reopening of the Baltic a goodly current of business has been diverted to Northern Europe, while the better prospects of peace have caused some few speculations to be entered into for the Levantine and Turkish markets. It is also reported that the demand from Australia and New Zealand is on a stronger scale than for some time past, and that considerable lots of miscellaneous wares are going to the West Indies, Australasia and parts of South America.

## SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE

are quiet as regards iron, but at Dowlais, Ebbw Vale and Tredegar, as well as at Lan-don and Rhymney, there is a fair production of steel. The Plymouth and Aberdare works and collieries are stated to have been purchased by a syndicate of Scottish capitalists, who are reported to intend an early resumption of active operations. Last week's shipments of iron from Cardiff were 2065 tons, and from Newport, 2219 tons of rails for Bombay, consigned by Ebbw Vale. The tin plate restriction movement is now said to be nearer fruition, and will probably attain the desired end in the course of a few days. The necessity for its adoption has received a practical illustration by the suspension of one of the makers with liabilities set down at £70,000.

## THE METAL MARKETS

are still dull and inanimate, with prices at a lower level in almost every respect than has been known for many years past. There appears to be little or no speculation just now, a state of things which may, in part, be attributed to the apparently more remote contingency of war. The *Ironmonger* reports as follows: "Copper has been quiet all the week, with a further weakness of prices all round. A sale of 500 tons Cape ores, by public tender, has realized 11/10 for 33 per cent. Of Chili bars 200 tons of Lota have been sold for distant arrival at £62. 10/; 75 tons Urmeneta at £62 cash, and 100 tons good ordinary brands at £61 17/6 @ £61. 10/ ditto, with small sales to-day of good ordinary brands at £60. 15/ and special marks at £61. 10/ @ £62. Charters from Chili per advices received on Friday last for second half of April were 1,800 tons, namely, 1,500 tons bars and ingots for United Kingdom, and 300 tons bars for the Continent. Australian is lower; 25 tons Burra sold at £70 cash; present quotation is £70. 10/ while Wallaroo is £72 @ £72. 10/. English has

also been dull and easier; tough, \$67 @ £67. 10/; best selected, £68 @ £69; but for strong sheets £73 is still asked. Tin is again weaker, and sellers have seemed disposed to press negotiations, with the natural result of a further drop in prices. The sales early in the week were rather over 300 tons Straits and Australian at £61. 15/ down to £60 cash, the price being afterward £61 @ £60. 10/, subsequently up to £61, and closing quiet at £60. 15/ @ £61. English has also further declined, ingots being now quoted £65 @ £65. 10/, and bars £66. @ £66. 10/. The Dutch Trading Company will offer in public, on the 28th inst., about 20,000 slabs of Banca. Tin plates are, if anything, a trifle dearer, although the arrangement for restricting the output has not yet received the binding assent of the requisite majority of those engaged in the trade. Lead is again easier to buy, English pig being obtainable at £16. 17/6 @ £17, and soft Spanish without silver at £16. 12/6. Spelter has also felt the depressing influences of the market, and is held at £17. 15/ @ £18 for ordinary brands and £17. 15/ V. and S. at Swansea. Quicksilver unchanged, at £7 per bottle. Antimony quiet, at £49 @ £49. 10/ for English Star." I make the subjoined selections from the monthly Iron and Metal Circular of Messrs. Sanders Brothers of London:

## Spanish Terra-Cotta Work.

The use of terra-cotta in various forms is well-nigh universal in Barcelona, and affords a striking proof of the manufacturing and creative tendencies of the Catalans. A correspondent, dating from Barcelona, says that there are in the provinces of Catalonia, so far as he has been able to ascertain, no beds of fire-clay, but on the other hand, the whole plain is one great bed of the common red clay. This is utilized to a very large extent. The red and yellow clays are worked up principally into the flooring tiles, square and hexagonal, whose employment in construction seems so universal in that part of Spain. He then continues: "I have now wandered for some time among the four provinces of Catalonia, and I have never seen a house without a flooring of tiles. In very many the ceilings are also constructed of the same materials. Between the beams the builder makes an arch or vault of these tiles, and these are subsequently covered with a thick coating of plaster, leaving a ceiling not exactly flat, but with what Ruskin would call a fine vanishing curve. In the kitchens, &c., use is made of glazed tiles of the famous stanniferous enamel, composed of equal parts of tin and lead. Generally these are of spotless white, with a row of blue tiles, in which the enamel has been covered with cobalt, at the bottom. But in very many cases these tiles are highly decorated with the few but artistic colors made famous by the majolica of Fienza, Forli and Sienna—a bright zaphara blue, a dull yellow and a vivid green. These enameled tiles, however, are not made in Barcelona, but in Valencia, for, though the Barcelonians believe the contrary, the keenest search has not enabled me to find a single establishment for their manufacture.

"It is otherwise with the flooring tiles, also used in a modified form for roofing purposes. For the construction of these there are very many establishments in the villages that crowd around the great commercial and manufacturing city of Spain, for the demand is as sure as that for bricks in our own land. In the country houses—which even those of moderate means consider necessary for a comfortable enjoyment of the Sunday leisure and rest from toil—the appreciation of terra-cotta finds a much wider scope; and accordingly in all such factories one sees not only tiles, but balustrades, vases, fountains, statues, flower stands, and a hundred other objects, partly for use, partly for ornament. The balustrades are, perhaps, the best articles manufactured in this material, for truth compels me to say that in the vast majority of instances I was disappointed with the artistic objects. The fault is not in the material, for the clay is all that can be desired, and it is not in the baking. It is in this, that it does not pay to obtain a really artistic model from a good sculptor, and hence garden statues are to art just what the figure-heads of ships are. Occasionally, no doubt, some Thorwaldsen is found carving wood for the prows of lobster smacks, and, perhaps, in Italy the young Canova may have worked at garden statues at the outset of his career. But, with the knowledge that I have been able to acquire on the subject, I have invariably found the garden statuary in terra-cotta a vile thing, devoid of beauty and of plasticity. But the balustrades, including the final vases at the corners, are decidedly of a superior character, because the Catalans, who have an extraordinary genius for construction, have comprehended intuitively what was wanted to finish off the tops of their country houses.

"The absence of fire-clays or of any clay suitable for the purpose, has prevented the Catalans from making any attempt at crockery. Whatever of this kind is used comes either from England, France, Seville, or Valencia. There is, however, a factory of porcelain, where is made the hardware porcelain so largely employed in door-fittings. The great majority of the houses in the city are upon the flat principle, and upon each floor are two flats, one to the right and one to the left. Each of these has its door decorated with three masses of porcelain, one of which, the top one, is the broad rim of the spy-holes, through which the servant reconnoitres you and examines your appearance before opening; the next is the knob of the bell-pull, and the third is a broad plate, on which is fixed a large and long porcelain handle, for the purpose of closing the door. Almost every house in the place has the same appendages, and as, moreover, the doors in the interior have all porcelain knobs, and some rich porcelain plates, it is obvious that the consumption of hardware porcelain was sufficient to justify the establishment of a porcelain factory, though, apparently, kaolin does not exist in Spain. It was soon found that it was possible to fabricate also plates and partial services and toilet sets. But the decoration has been of so barbarous and unsatisfactory a character, that I would not have deemed it necessary

to write one word of Catalan porcelain save for one fact."—*Hardware Review*.

## The Metal Work of India.

The official Handbook of the British Indian Section of the Paris Exposition contains the following respecting the metal-working industries of India:

Vessels of brass and copper, dishes and bowls, *lotas*, candlesticks, images of the gods, and other mythological *emblemata*, sacrificial spoons, censers and temple bells, and other sacred and domestic utensils are made all over India; and of the same patterns as we find in representations of them on the oldest sculptures and cave paintings. The *lota* is the globular bowl, sometimes melon-shaped, with a low, narrow neck, universally used in ceremonial and other ablutions, and its name is the same word as *lotus*, the water-lily, and the Latin *lotus*, washed, and English *lotion*, a wash. It is found plain, and chased or graven, and encrusted. Very good brass work is made at Ahmednugger and Ahmedabad in Western India, and at Benares in Northern India; but that of Madura and Tanjore in the Madras Presidency is superior to all, and in its bold forms and elaborately wrought ornamentation recalls the description Homer gives of the work of Sidon in bowls of antique frame. Some are simply etched and others deeply cut with mythological designs, and others are diapered all over with a sort of vine-leaf pattern, seen in Assyrian sculptures, copper on brass, or silver on copper, producing an effect often of quite regal grandeur. Castellani possesses the finest specimen known of silver encrusted on brown waxed copper. In the Prince's collection are several small Tanjore and Madura *lotas*, but none of superior excellence. The most interesting of all Indian *lotas* is one in the India Museum of about A. D. 200-300, discovered by Major Hay in 1857, at Gundlah, in Kulu, where a landslip exposed an ancient Buddhist cell in which this *lota* with others had been lying buried for 1500 years. It is exactly of the shape now made, and is encased all round with a representation of Buddha as Prince Siddhartha, before his conversion, going on some high procession. An officer of state on an elephant goes before; the minstrels, two damsels, one playing on a flute and the other on a  *vina*, follow after in the midst is the Prince Siddhartha, in his chariot drawn by four prancing horses and guarded by two horsemen behind it; all rendered with that gala air of dainty pride and enjoyment in the fleeting pleasures of the hour which is characteristic of the Hindus to the present day, as if life were indeed

"Musical as is Apollo's lute,  
And a perpetual feast of incense sweets,  
When no crude surfeit reigns."

Benares is the first city in India for the multitude and excellence of its cast and sculptured mythological images and *emblemata*, not only in brass and copper, but gold, silver, ivory and wood. In the Prince's collection are eight little brass figures from Vizapatnam, which for skillful modeling and perfection of finish, and a certain irresistible grotesqueness of expression, are the finest ever seen. They look as if the artist had been inspired by a study of Gustave Doré's illustrations of "Don Quixote." The temple bells of India are well known for the depth and purity of their note. Besides the ordinary brass, a variety is used in India like that called by the ancient *es candidum*, which is mixed with silver, and a still rarer, like the ancient *es Corinthianum*, which is mixed with gold. The dark "bronzes" in India are not of true bronze, a mixture of copper and tin, but of copper without alloy.

At Moradabad, in the North-West Provinces, tin is soldered on brass and incised through to the brass in floriated patterns, which sometimes are simply marked by the yellow outline of the brass, and at others by filling in the ground with some black composition.

## The Proposed Change in the Patent

Laws.—On March 11th Mr. Booth, by unanimous consent, obtained leave in the United States Senate to bring in "A bill to establish the Court of Patents, and for other purposes," which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Patents, before which it now is. The ostensible object of the bill is to effect such a change in the organization of the Patent Office as will operate to abolish the present system of appeals to the Commissioner in person, and from the Commissioner to the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. Were this the sole purpose and effect of the measure, few would raise any objection to its passage. But its real object is to legislate out of office three competent and experienced officers now constituting what is recognized under the present law as a board of three examiners-in-chief, and to provide for the appointment, under the proposed law, of "three judges," to constitute a tribunal within the Patent Office, and to be known as the "Court of Patents." This court is to perform precisely the duties now performed by the examiners-in-chief, at salaries aggregating \$6000 per annum less than the new bill proposes to pay the judges of the new Patent Court. The effect of this bill, should it become a law, would be: 1. Unnecessarily to increase the expenses of running this Bureau of the Interior Department. 2. To substitute for experienced officers, trained to a thorough understanding of the intricate questions involved in patent cases and removable at any time for cause, three judges who are to hold office for life, no matter how incapable any of them may prove to be.

## Cement for Kerosene Lamps.—The

cement commonly used is nothing but plaster of Paris. But this is porous and quickly penetrated by the kerosene. Another cement is highly recommended which has not this defect; it is made with three parts of resin, one of caustic soda, and five of water. This composition is mixed with half its weight of plaster of Paris. It sets firmly in about three-quarters of an hour. It is said to be of great adhesive power, not permeable to kerosene, a low conductor of heat, and but superficially attacked by hot water. Zinc white, white lead, or precipitated chalk may be substituted for the plaster, but they harden more slowly.



## The Wells Two-Piston Engine.

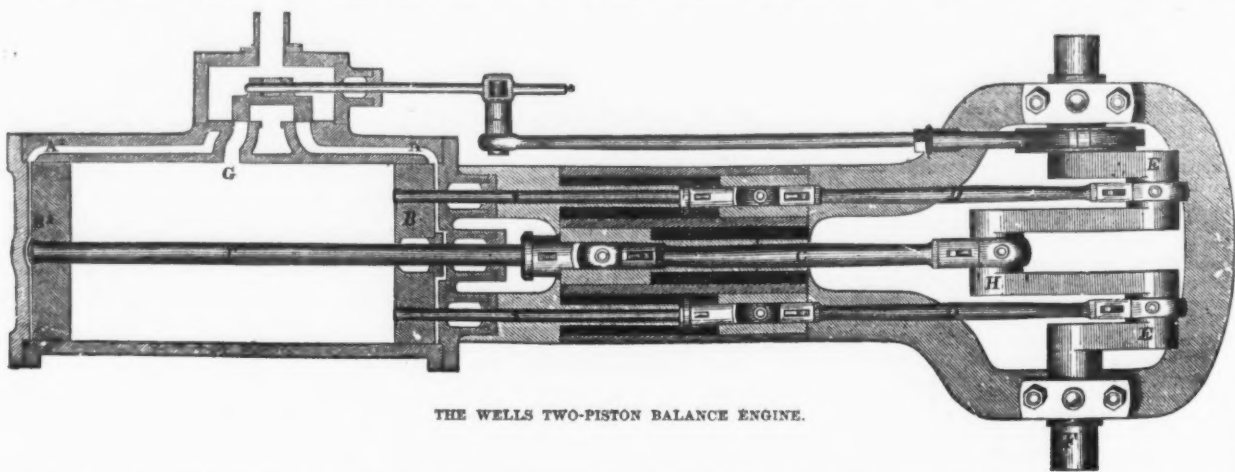
The great advantages of high piston speed are being more and more recognized by engineers and engine builders, and the tendency is toward designs by which it may be attained. It permits a better utilization of steam by reason of decreased condensation, and the high speed of the crank shaft in many cases makes a saving in the expense of intermediate gearing possible, while at the same time the size of the engine for a given power is very much reduced. High speed, however, can only be attained with good workmanship and counterbalancing. The illustration, which is a section of the Wells two-piston engine, shows a method by which very perfect balance of the reciprocating parts has been obtained without the use of counterbalance weights. The notable feature of the engine is the adoption of two pistons and the modification of details which this disposition calls for. The one, B, is provided with one piston rod, which by means of the connecting rod C moves the crank, H, while the second piston, B, possesses two rods, each of which acts upon a crank, E. The two pistons move in opposite directions, the steam entering simultaneously behind both through the steam ports A A', and forcing the pistons toward the center. Steam is then admitted through G, and both the pistons return to their original position, one revolution being thus finished. The slide valve shown in the illustration is used only for the smaller engines; for the larger sizes the steam chest is carried to the ends of the cylinder, in which any

of articles to which it was seen the art could be applied, and a substitute of a softer kind was invented. This was a sort of papier mache, and the early Japanners worked upon this material years before the date of Clay's patent for papier mache in 1773. It was, therefore, as an improver of an old material rather than as an inventor that Henry Clay is entitled to honor. The Japan trade did not assume its present importance, with regard to the infinite variety of the articles manufactured until repeated improvements had been made in the manufacture of sheet iron and tin plate; but when the necessary smoothness and flexibility had been secured the development of the Japan trade was marvelously rapid. From such simple articles as snuff-boxes and snuffer-stands, the Japanner turned to toilet sets, cash-boxes, baths of all descriptions, coal vases, cups, cans, trays and waiters of the most fanciful shapes and of all sizes, sandwich cases, traveling trunks, garden engines, and multitudes of other useful articles, to barely enumerate which would fill several columns. The earliest of patterns in use among Japanners, as we have incidentally mentioned, betrayed the origin of the trade itself; but the fluctuations of taste in the matter of ornamentation are a little remarkable, and the rage for the Greek pattern in pottery architecture and Japanned goods which has been evinced during the last few years is but a revival of a similar taste which prevailed in 1765. The period between 1765 and 1800 was noted for the prevalence of "motto" patterns. These were of three kinds, and it is worthy of notice that they

and Moscow, a fair supply of best work in gold ornamentation finds its way to St. Petersburg and Cronstadt. For Canada and the States the goods are more for use than ornament, as is always the case with young colonies struggling against difficulties of existence, and having no time to devote to art culture. For India the class of goods is higher, principally consisting of gold work of elaborate patterns and highly polished. India work, so called, with temples, idols, elephants, &c., which was once popular, is now little in demand. The fashion of cramming every available inch of surface on trays and waiters, as represented by the "fearfully and wonderfully" painted pattern of Adam and Eve surrounded by all created beasts and birds, has gone out of date; and now trays and waiters—especially the higher classes of goods—are often without center ornaments altogether. This is a desirable improvement, but he would be a sanguine man who would predict a return of the days when Japanners were true artists and Japanning was a fine art. The Japanner has blossomed into the oil painter; but competition, with its hurry, its cheapness, and the accompanying feverish desire of money making, has sunk the trade itself into a mere mechanical one.

## The Mode of Raising Cleopatra's Needle.

The London Times thus describes the manner in which the Egyptian obelisk is to



THE WELLS TWO-PISTON BALANCE ENGINE.

valve gear to which preference may be given can be used. This arrangement, as it reduces the stroke of piston by one-half, permits the connection rod to be shortened very considerably, diminishing the size, the weight and the cost of the bed-plate, the only disadvantage being the multiplication of the stuffing boxes and the more complicated nature of the crank shaft. The greatest advantage which this arrangement of parts confers upon the engine is the complete balancing of the strains which in the common form of engine tend to force the crank shaft to and from the cylinder. The balance of strains in this engine is so perfect that we have seen one of them run at a very high rate of speed with both caps removed from the pillow block. There appeared to be no tendency whatever to jump from the bearings. The inventor and manufacturer is Mr. Justin R. Wells, 86 and 88 Liberty street, N. Y.

## The English Japan Trade.

The *Ironmongers' Review* has a long and interesting article on the subject of Japanning, from which we take the following: The antiquity of the art of Japanning, as practiced in this country, is a matter which cannot be definitely and satisfactorily settled. One hundred and thirty years is as far back as it can be traced with any degree of certainty. References to Japanned goods are to be found plentifully strewn over the literature of the Augustan era, antedating the period we have fixed above by 30 or 40 years; but these references are misleading, and it must not be supposed that because Addison, in his essay on "A Lady's Library," mentions "a little Japan table," and Pope, in his mock heroic poem, "The Rape of the Lock," in the breakfast scene, says:

"On shining altars of Japan they raise  
The silver lamp,"

these articles were the productions of English workmen. The fact is, we had opened a small trade with Japan 100 years before Queen Anne's time, and had imported considerable quantities of its lacquered wares. These Japanned goods, which have been made in that country ever since the eighth century, were made of wood of a peculiarly light and easily workable nature, and lacquered over with the sap of a tree called "urushi," capable of receiving a brilliant polish under the friction of the hand; and it was not until the rage for such articles assumed the proportions of the "china mania" of the same period that English manufacturers began to consider the advisability of themselves meeting the demand. It is believed on good grounds that the Japan trade was first introduced into Pontypool, and that the goods were originally denominated "Pontypool ware." It could only have been started there a year or two, however, before it was introduced into the midland district: the three great seats of the trade, as accurately as can be ascertained, commencing in the following order: Birmingham in the year 1741, Bilston in 1745, and Wolverhampton in 1748, each of them starting with, and retaining, a celebrity for special classes of goods. The early Japanners, as may be supposed, worked upon different materials from those now employed. Like the Japanese their first articles were made of wood lacquered and varnished, and it was for the manufacture of "lacquer" and "varnish" more than for the artistic application of them that Pontypool was celebrated. Small square tea trays, wooden snuff-boxes, and snuffer-stands, ornamented with imitations of Japanese screens and cabinets, were the first productions of the Japanners. Wood was soon found to be unsuitable for scores

represented three prominent characteristics of the English people—patriotism, heroism and bacchanalianism. In the first class the patterns may be represented by the following: 1. A crown and crossed swords (for tea-tray), with the royal initials and the motto, "Rule mighty George, the muses still shall sing, and hail the glorious day that made thee king." 2. A crown and cushion (for circular tray), with the motto, "England glories in the King and Queen, September 23, 1761." In the second class the following examples may be taken as representative: 1. A man-of-war in full sail, with the motto, "England's glory." 2. Two ships, after action, one towing the other, which is disabled, and both having the English colors flying, with the motto, "May Clarence ever reign triumphant over the enemies of his country." 3. A group of sailors sitting on casks on the sea shore drinking, with the motto, "British bulldogs." In the third group the following were typical: 1. A man sitting at a table holding a glass of wine to the light, with the motto, "Wine is the nectar of the gods." 2. Two long pipes crosswise, and a full glass, with the motto "Be merry and wise." The prevalence of these absurd "motto" patterns was clearly not owing to the poverty of the designers of those days, as we shall presently find, but to the prevailing tastes of the day. The period which succeeded (1800 to 1830) was the palmiest in the history of this interesting trade. It was then an art in which some of the best artists received their training. The simplest articles produced had lavished upon them the genius of the true painter, and small boxes for snuff or tobacco were painted so exquisitely with figures or landscapes that all that now remain are preserved as objects of admiration and beauty. We have in our possession specimens of this period painted by Edward Bird, R. A., Moses Horton, Franks, and others, which, compared with the value of the objects they adorn, may be said to be like "gems in an Ethiop's ear." A set of trays would then fetch five guineas, and many of these productions are now adorning the walls of gentlemen's residences, properly framed, and valued at very high prices. The era of competition altered all this, and Japanning was speedily dethroned from its position as a fine art. Jennens & Betteridge, of Birmingham, were the legitimate continuators of the best interests of the trade, and the productions of such artists as Pettit and Gillman are still much valued. The character of Japan ornamentation has now undoubtedly deteriorated; but the manufacturer is scarcely to blame. The designer may design patterns of severe and classical elegance, or elaborate figure subjects, admirably grouped and drawn, but he has the mortification of seeing the cheaper and least artistic designs bought by the gross and the art patterns neglected. There is little encouragement for a manufacturer to produce art work in the face of such customers as the Turkish merchant, who offered to take 100 gross of trays of a rose pattern if the manufacturer would paint the roses green and the leaves red. So long, therefore, as customers prefer cheap and gaudy designs, Japanning is doomed to remain degraded. The principal markets for Japanned wares are Germany, Turkey, South America, the West Indies, Spain, Russia, Canada, United States and India. The German merchants buy largely of the cheaper wares, and reciprocally supply us with the cheapest ingredients, such as bronzes, metal leaf, &c., used by the Japanner. For South America and the West Indies the patterns are of the crudest and gaudiest kinds, flaming colors being more appreciated than design. The Russian market is also a cheap one, but while the bulk of goods sent are of a cheap sort to sell in the fairs of Novogorod

be placed in its future position on the Thames:

The plan for raising may be very briefly described. The column will be fitted with a powerful iron jacket as near the center of gravity as is wanted, and this jacket has two massive iron trunnions, just like the trunnions of a great gun. These trunnions will rest on two wrought-iron girders of great strength, and the whole will then resemble a monster cannon on a slide without wheels. One end of the column being raised by hydraulic presses a sufficient height, say a foot, it will be kept so raised by a powerful balk of timber slid under it. The other end will then be similarly treated, and thus, slowly but surely, it will ascend foot by foot, shored up with timber at every stage, laid in the way which will best ensure the stability of the whole structure.

The jacket, it is thought, will clip the stone sufficiently tight to hold it in when in a vertical position; but in dealing with such enormous weights and a tapering column, it is as well to err on the safe side, so Mr. Dixon has wisely decided to have a wrought-iron strap, 18 inches broad and more than an inch thick, which will pass from one side of the jacket under the base of the monolith and up again to the jacket on the other side. Thus, then, during the few minutes it will be suspended vertically before being lowered to its base, it will stand in the hand as if in a stirrup, and the more its weight presses on the band, the tighter it will make the jacket grip. The column, as we have explained, will be hoisted horizontally, but when it has reached the required height the supports under the base will be removed and the base, being slightly in excess of the rest (2½ tons), the whole stone will slowly revolve on the trunnions till it hangs directly over its appointed spot and about four inches above it. It is then simply turning on the taps of the hydraulic presses, and the column will sink into its base in about two minutes.

A small gap will be left in the center of the base, so as to enable the iron band to be removed; but when this is done and the gap filled up with granite blocks, all will be completed.

**Cement.**—In stopping holes in castings, or for covering scars, a cement may be made of equal parts of gum-arabic, plaster of Paris and iron filings, and if a little finely pulverized white glass be added to the mixture, it will make it still harder. This mixture forms a very hard cement that will resist the action of fire and water. It should be kept in its dry state and mixed with a little water when wanted for use. A cement for making joints in water and steam pipe, or in any work where two pieces of metal are joined together and it is desirable to make a perfectly tight joint, may be used, made of iron filings or turnings mixed with sal-ammonia. The proportions of sal-ammonia is very small; only about a half pound is used to 50 pounds of filings. This cement is mixed when wanted for use, and is driven into the joint with a cold chisel or other tool.

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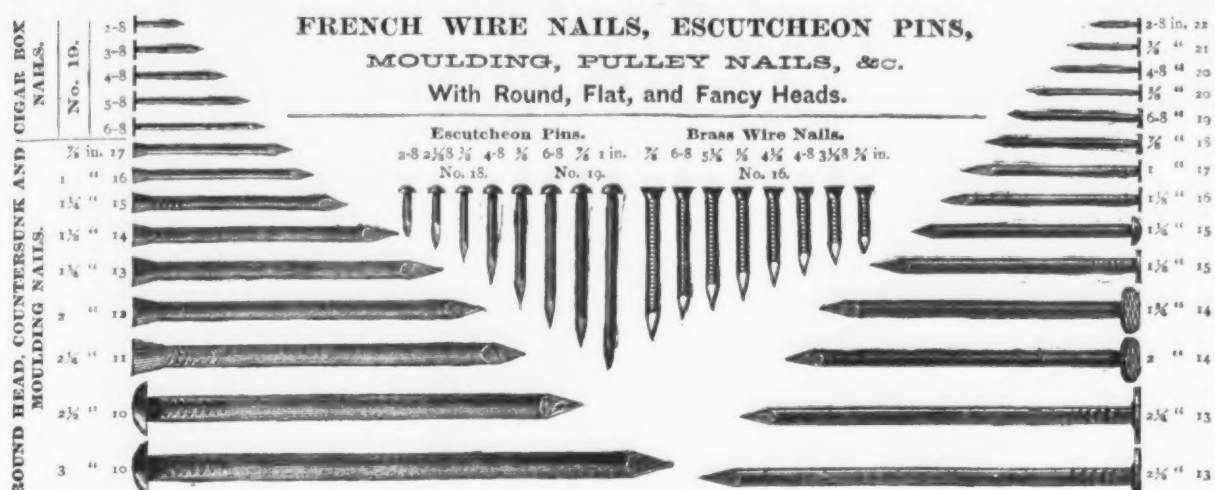
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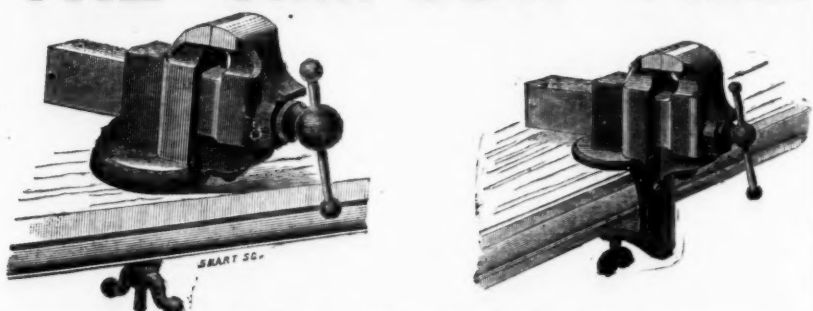
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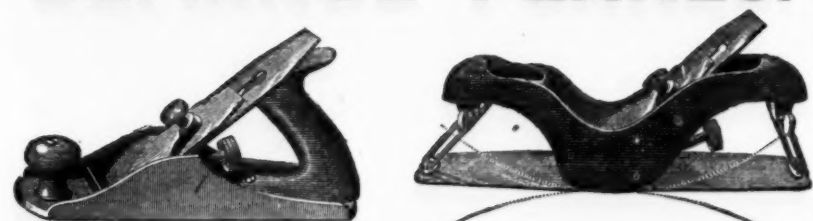
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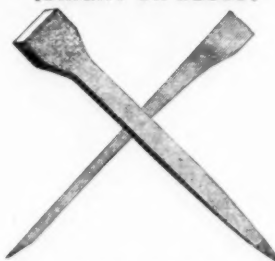
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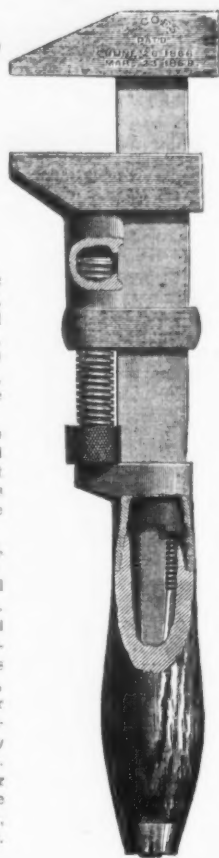
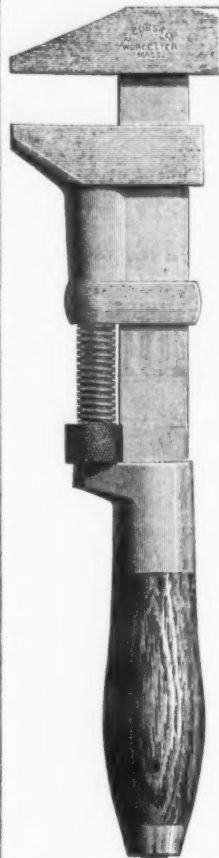
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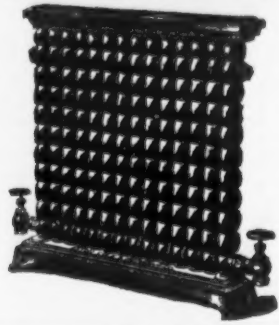
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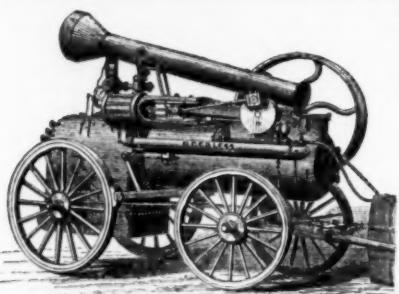
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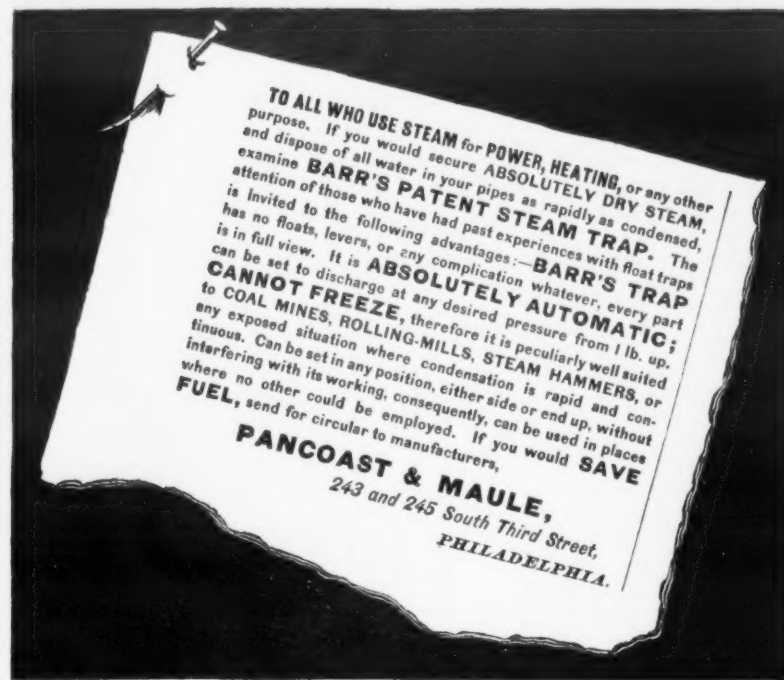
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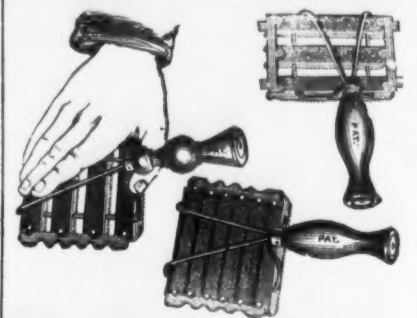
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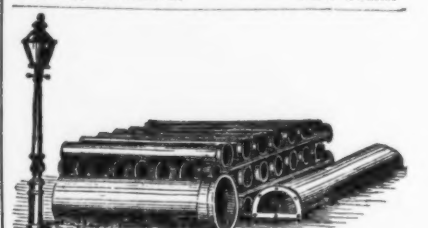
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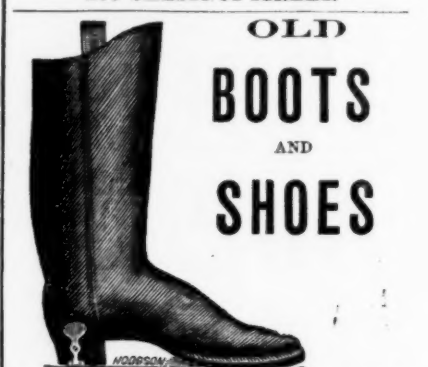
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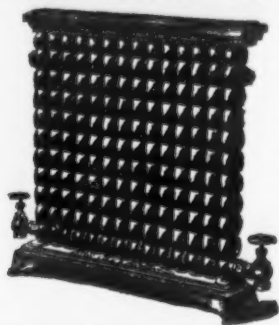
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Dexter Spring Co., Fulton, near Pittsburgh, Pa.	12
Rome Trestle Co. (Limited), Rome, N. Y.	12
<b>CAR AXLES.</b>	
Roberts A. & P. & Co., 265 S. 4th, Philadelphia.	9
<b>CHAINS.</b>	
Reiter & Morton, Pittsburgh, Pa.	9
<b>CHILLED ROLLERS, HOLLOW.</b>	
Fotten & Co., Fulton Foundry, Pittsburgh, Pa.	9
<b>CHISELS, MANUFACTURERS OF.</b>	
Buck Bros., Millbury, Mass.	11
<b>CLOCKS, SPRINGS, ETC.</b>	
Cary & Moen, 234 W. 20th, N. Y.	8
Dunbar Bros., Bristol, Conn.	8
<b>COAL MINERS.</b>	
Pardee A. & Co., 111 Broadway, N. Y.	33
The Hoboken Coal Co., Jersey City, N. J.	33
<b>COAL AND COKING WASHING MACHINES.</b>	
Dietsch S. C., Pittsburgh, Pa.	26
<b>COAL YANKEES.</b>	
Sidney Shield & Co., Buffalo, N. Y.	31
<b>COFFEE AND SPICE MILLS.</b>	
Lane Brothers, Millbrook, N. Y.	6
<b>COMPASSES AND DIVIDERS, MANUFACTURERS OF.</b>	
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<b>COOPER'S TOOLS, ETC., DEALERS IN.</b>	
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Little Chas. E., 59 Fulton, N. Y.	25
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Pope, Cole & Co., Baltimore, Md.	2
The New Haven Copper Co., 255 Pearl, N. Y.	2
<b>CORN HUSKERS.</b>	
Chambers, Boring & Quinlan, Decatur, Ill.	2
<b>CORRUGATED IRON.</b>	
Moseley Iron Bridge and Roof Co., 5 Day, N. Y.	28
<b>CRUCIBLES, MANUFACTURERS OF.</b>	
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<b>CUPOLAS &amp; BLOWERS.</b>	
Smith & Sayre Mfg. Co., 21 Cortlandt, N. Y.	38
<b>CURY COMBS, MANUFACTURERS OF.</b>	
Hazleton D. W. & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.	35
<b>HOTCHKISS' SONS, BRIDGEPORT, CONN.</b>	12
Lawrence Curry Comb Co., 32 2d av., N. Y.	26
<b>CUTLERY, IMPORTERS OF.</b>	
Boyer Hermann & Co., 101 Duane, N. Y.	40
Clatworthy F. & Co., Chambers, N. Y.	11
Fisher Jos. & Co., Chambers, N. Y.	11
Friedmann & Lauterjung, 14 Warren, N. Y.	11
<b>CUTLERY, MANUFACTURERS OF.</b>	
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Goodell Company, Antrim, N. H.	11
Heriden Cutlery Co., 49 Chambers, N. Y.	11
Naugauk Cutlery Co., 80 Chambers, N. Y.	11
New York Knife Co., Walden, N. Y.	11
The Fray Cutlery Co., Bridgeport, Conn.	11
The Lamson & Goodnow Mfg. Co., 28 Chambers, N. Y.	11
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Yale Lock Mfg. Co., 53 Chambers, N. Y.	7
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<b>DOG Muzzles.</b>	
Messerauer W. T. & J., 31 Broadway, N. Y.	12
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Quackenbush, Townsend & Co., 59 Reade, N. Y.	34
Van Wagoner & Williams, 82 Beekman, N. Y.	34
<b>DOOR STOPS AND HOLDERS.</b>	
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<b>DRILL CHUCKS.</b>	
Cushman A. P., Hartford, Conn.	37
Lambertville Iron Works, Lambertville, N. J.	36
<b>DRILLING MACHINES, MAKERS OF.</b>	
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Thorne, De Haven & Co., Philadelphia.	36
<b>DROP FORGINGS.</b>	
Baker Hermann & Co., 101 and 103 Duane, N. Y.	20
Rose Wm. & Bros., West Philadelphia, Pa.	20
<b>DROP PRESS.</b>	
Becher & Peck, New Haven, Conn.	38
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Doscher M. & 5 Gold, N. Y.	36
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Lane & Bodley Co., Cincinnati, O.	9
Mason Volney W. & Co., Providence, R. I.	9
Stokes & Parrish, Philadelphia, Pa.	9
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Rowland F. F., Brooklyn, N. Y.	36
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Lehigh Valley Emery Wheel Co., Watsport, Pa.	40
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Todd Joseph C., 19 Barclay, N. Y.	36
<b>ENGINES, CALORIC.</b>	
Brown Caloric Engine Co., 5 Lewis, N. Y.	36
<b>ENGINES, LOCOMOTIVE.</b>	
Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia, Pa.	4
<b>ENGINES, STEAM, MAKERS OF.</b>	
Erwin Chas. W. & Co., Kensington, Phila.	36
Fitchburg Steam Engine Co., Fitchburg, Mass.	36
Laudis F. & A. B., Lancaster, Pa.	36
Lovagrove & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.	36
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<b>FAUCETS, SELF-MEASURING, MAKERS OF.</b>	
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Fisher Joseph S., 41 Commerce, Phila.	12
Patel A. & Co., 95 Fulton, N. Y.	8
Moss F. W. & John, 101 Cliff, N. Y.	8
Sanderson Bros. & Co., 16 Cliff, N. Y.	32
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Auburn File Works & Chambers, N. Y.	11
Barnett G. & H., 41 and 43 Richmond, Phila.	29
Draper T. & Co., Sing Sing, N. Y.	29
Everhart James M., Scranton, Pa.	40
Heller & Bros., Newark, N. J.	40
Holmes & Bros., 1 Commercial, Newark, N. J.	40
McCarthy & Bro., 172 and 174 N. 4th, Phila.	8
Paul Chas. H., Williamsburg, N. Y.	8
<b>FILE BRICK, MAKERS OF.</b>	
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Brooklyn Clay Retort and Fire Brick Works, Van Dyke, N. Y.	19
Evans & Howard, St. Louis, Mo.	19
Gardner, Stuart & Co., Pittsburgh.	19
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Newton & Co., Albany, N. Y.	19
Ostrander James & Son, Troy, N. Y.	19
Valentine M. D. & Bro., Woodbridge, N. J.	19
Watson John B., Perth Amboy, N. J.	19
Weber Adam, 53 E. 15th, N. Y.	19
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Baeder, Adamson & Co., 735 Market, Phila.	4
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<b>FLUENT MACHINES.</b>	
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Weeks A. A., 83 John, N. Y.	34
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Paxson J. W. & Co., 112 Beach, Phila.	5
Whitehead Bros., 517 W. 15th, N. Y.	28
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<b>FURNITURE SPRINGS.</b>	
Carey & Moen, 234 W. 20th, N. Y.	3
<b>GALVANIZED IRON.</b>	
Lefferts Marshall, Jr., 90 Beekman, N. Y.	4
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Grant Pan Mill and Cradle Co., Melrose, Rensselaer Co., N. Y.	28
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Wilson & Hughes Stone Co., Cleveland, O.	33
Wood H. S. & Co., 38 West, N. Y.	33
Woodward Wm. F. & Co., 107 Chambers, N. Y.	33
Worthington & Sons, North Amherst, O.	33
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<b>GUNPOWDER, MAKERS OF.</b>	
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Lafin & Hand Powder Co., 25 Murray, N. Y.	32
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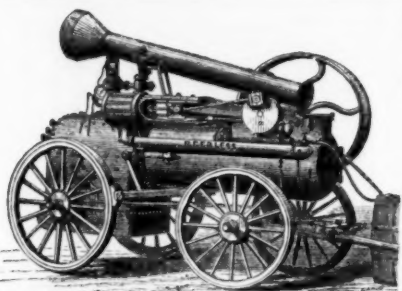
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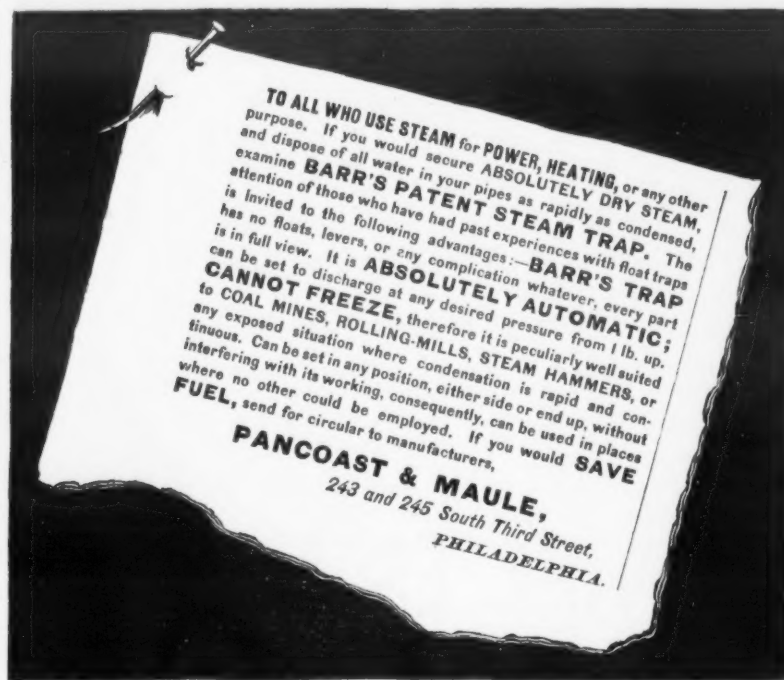
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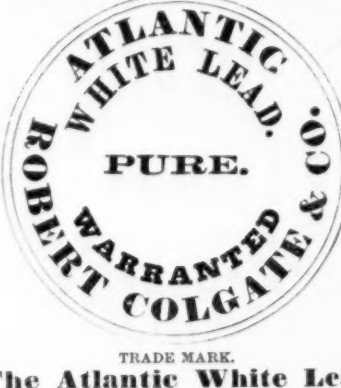
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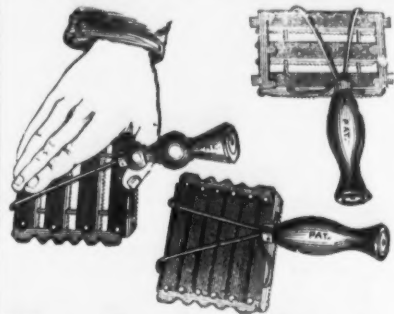


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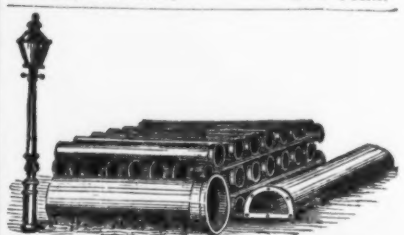
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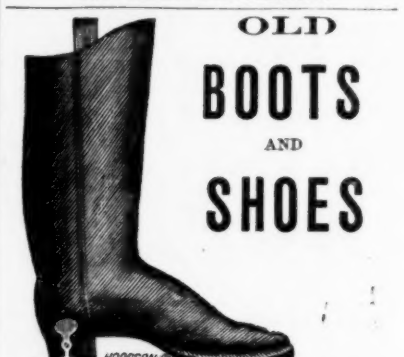
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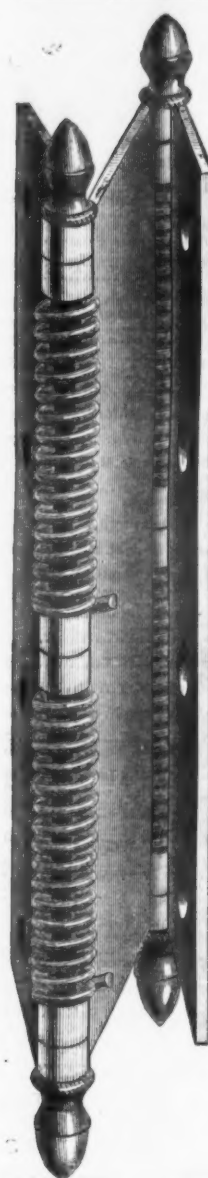


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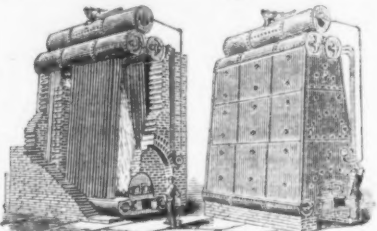
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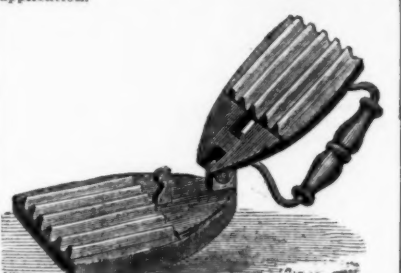
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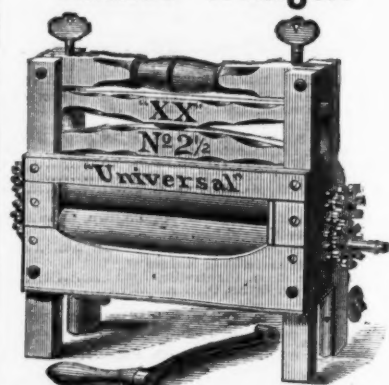
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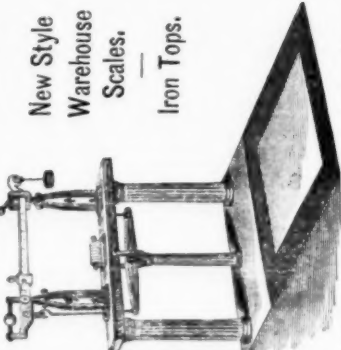
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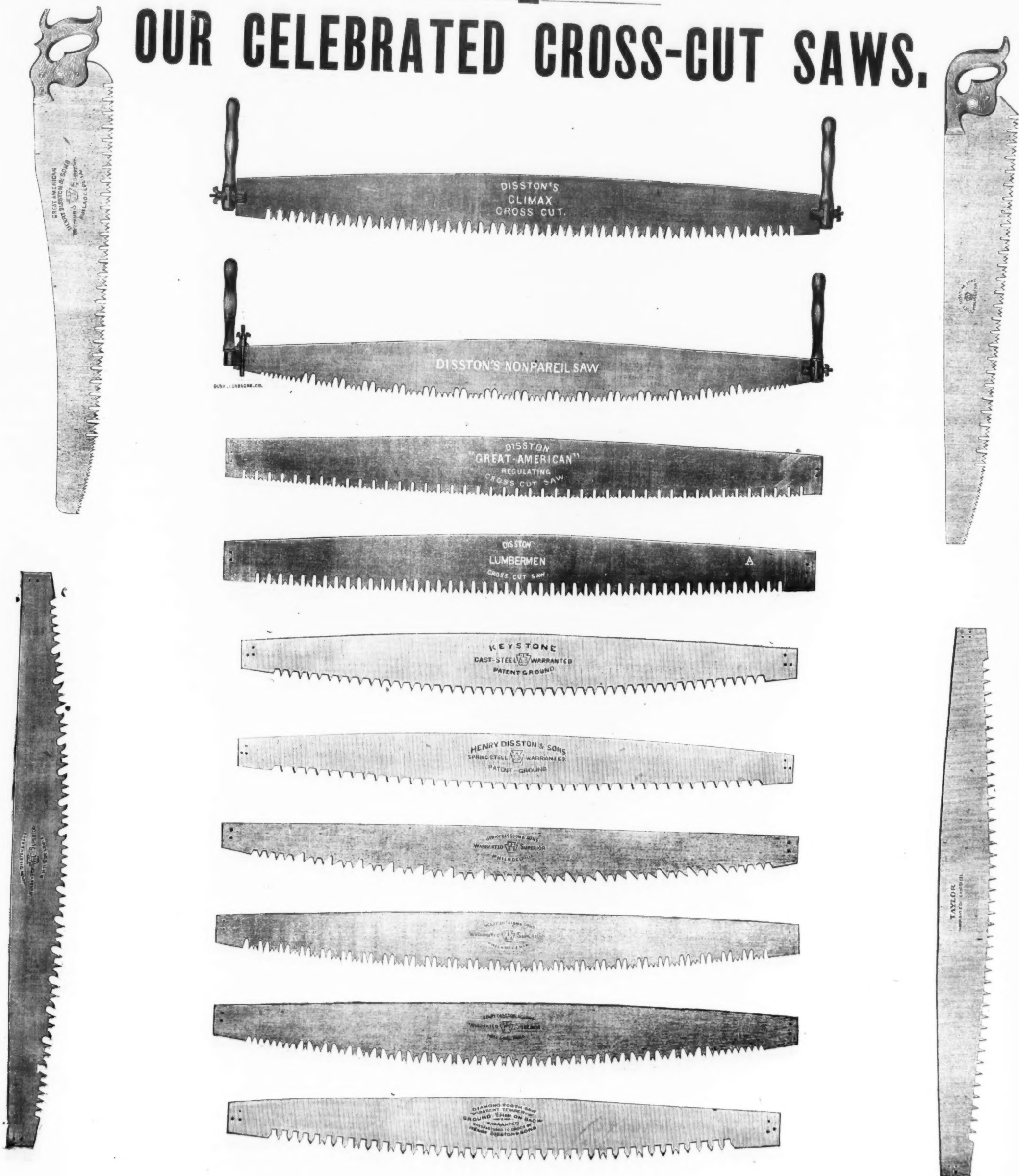
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Broughton's	.....	doz	40
Maleable (Hammer's)	.....	doz	\$ 500, dia 10
Prior's Patent or "Parson"	.....	doz	\$ 750, dia 10
Ox Halls	.....	doz	50 to 100
<b>Paints.</b>	.....	doz	10
Palmer's Carpenter's	.....	doz	10 to 15
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Painting	.....	doz	\$ 25 net
Peach Parers	.....	doz	10 to 15
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Porcelain Head	.....	doz	50 to 100
Judd's List	.....	doz	50 to 100
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<b>Pliers and Nippers.</b>	.....	doz	35 to 40
Hull's Patent Nippers, No. 1, 1815; No. 2, 1817	.....	doz	35 to 40
Hudson & Beckley Mfg. Co.	.....	doz	35 to 40
Defiance	.....	doz	35 to 40
Defiance Pliers and Nippers	.....	doz	35 to 40
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<b>Plumbing and Levels.</b>	.....	doz	60 to 70
Stanley's	.....	doz	60 to 70
Stanley's	.....	doz	60 to 70
Chapin's	.....	doz	60 to 70
Standard Rule Co.'s Patent	.....	doz	60 to 70
Non-Adjustable	.....	doz	60 to 70
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Non-Adjustable	.....	doz	60 to 70
David's Patent	.....	doz	60 to 70
Pocket Level	.....	doz	60 to 70
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<b>Razor Straps.</b>	.....	doz	30 to 35
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Emerson	.....	doz	30 to 35
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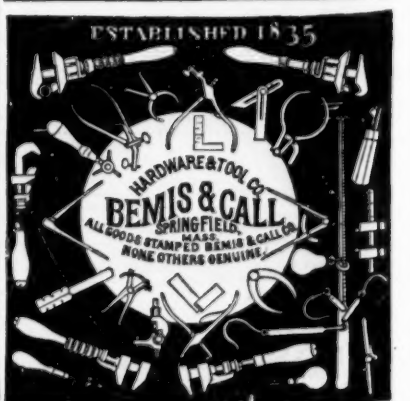
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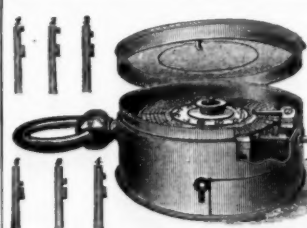
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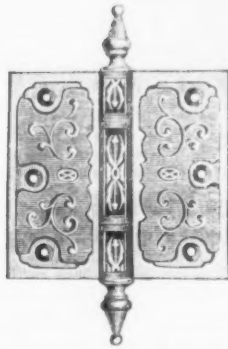
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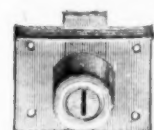
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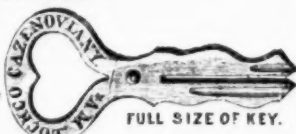
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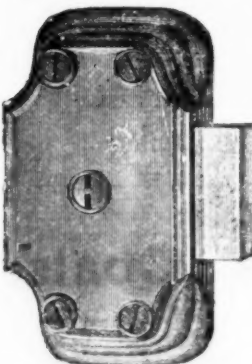


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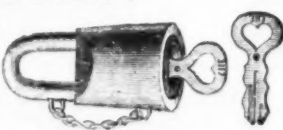
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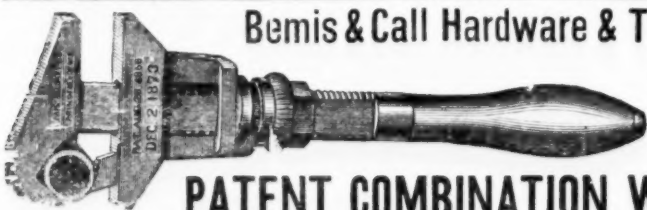
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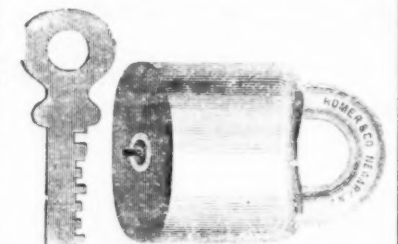
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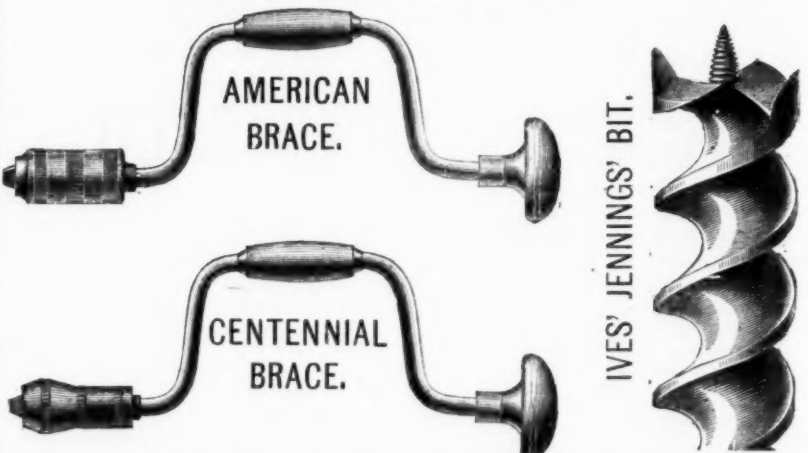
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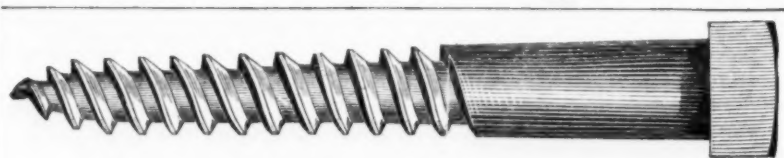
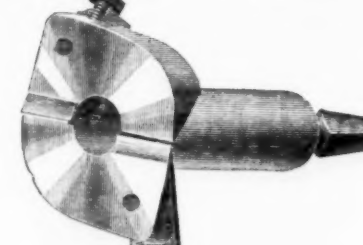
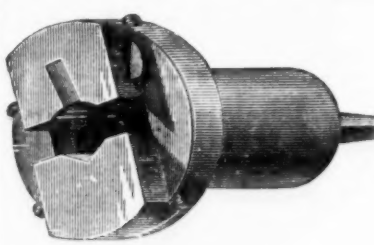
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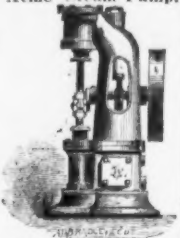
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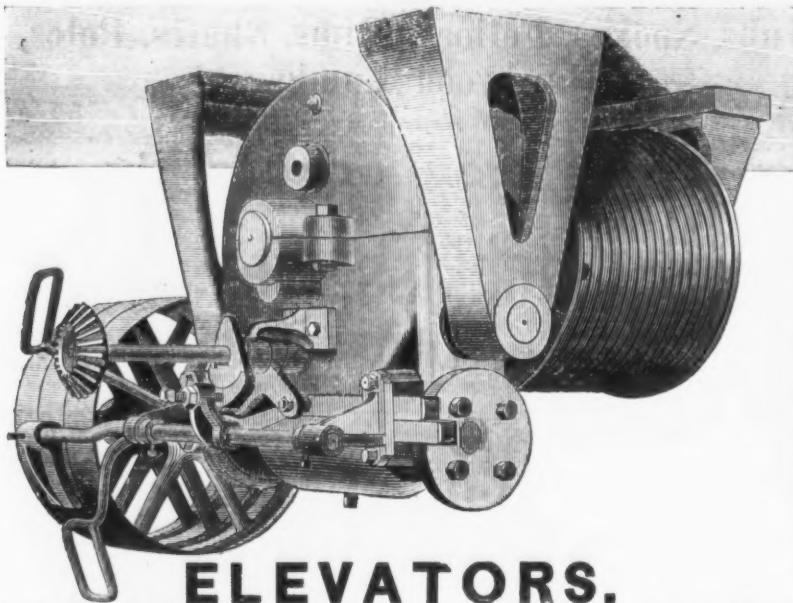
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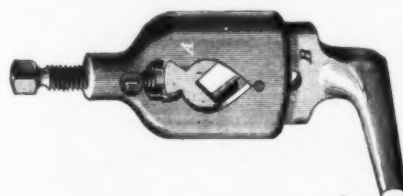
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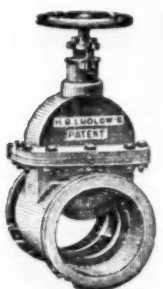
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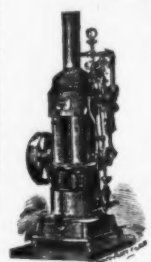
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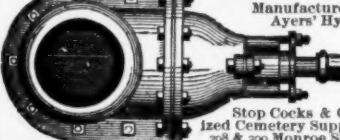
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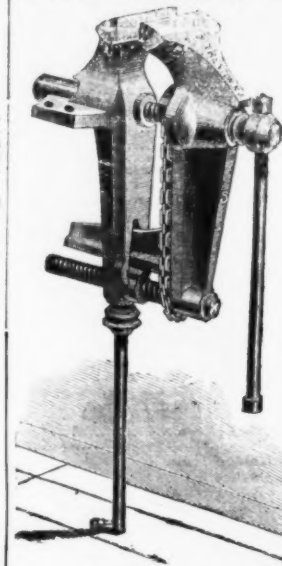
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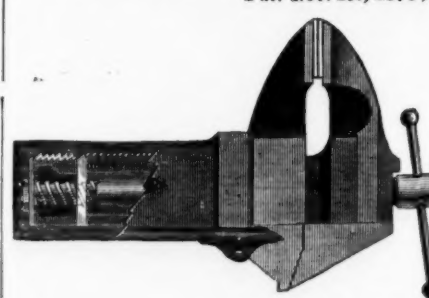
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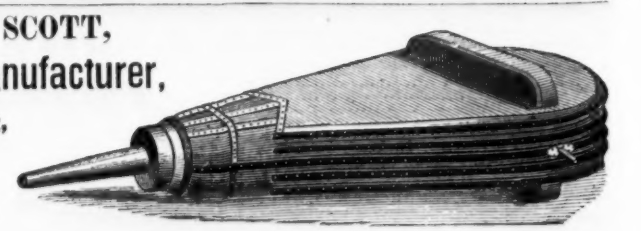
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1X, 10x14, "	6.00	DX, 12x14, 1C, "	7.00		
1C, 12x12, "	6.4	DX, 12x12, 1C, "	7.40		
1X, 12x12, "	5.90	1C, 30x25, "	16.50		
1C, 14x20, "	6.50	1X, 30x25, "	17.50		
1X, 14x20, "	6.00	1X, 30x25, "	25.00		
1X, 14x20, "	11.50	1C, 14x20, Best Roof.	6.00		
1X, 14x20, 1A, 30, B. Char.	14.00	1X, 14x20, "	11.50		
1X, 14x20, 1A, 30, B. Char.	16.50	1C, 20x25, "	12.50		
1C, 12x25, "	6.75	1X, 20x25, "	17.00		
1X, 14x19, "	12.50	1C, 10x14, Best Cks.	5.75		
1X, 14x14, "	10.50	1C, 14x14, "	5.75		
1X, 14x14, "	19.50	1C, 10x20, "	9.0		
DX, 12x14, "	6.50				
<b>SLU D. Refr. Jan'y</b>					
No. 16 to 20, "	3.50	sm'th. sm'th.	3.50		
No. 22 to 24, "	3.50	3.50	3.50		
No. 26, "	3.50	4.0	7.5		
No. 27, "	3.50	4.0	7.5		
<b>Genuine Russian Iron.</b>					
Perfect—No. 9, 10, 11, 12, "		per lb.	12 1/2c		
No. 1 Stained—No. 9, 10, 11, 12, "		per lb.	12 1/2c		
Tare of 25 lbs. to Bids. For less than Bids. add 1c			per lb.		
<b>Patent Platinized Iron.</b>					
No. 24 to 27, A quality, "		per	9 1/2c		
For less than Bids. add 1c. per lb.					
<b>Galvanized Sheet Iron.</b>					
Juniata, or best quality, "					
<b>Black Tin.</b>					
Sheet, Large Pigs, "	22c	do Small	20c		
Strips, Large Pigs, "	18c	do	16c		
Eng. Ref'd, Large Pigs, "	18c				
<b>Solder.</b>					
Extra in Bars, "	13c	No. 2, In Bars, "	9c		
No. 1, In "	11c	Spelter Solder, "	4c		
<b>Pig Lead—Pigs</b>					
No. 1, In Bars, "	5c		2 1/2c		
<b>Aluminum.</b>					
<b>Bismuth.</b>					
<b>Nickel.</b>					
<b>Crucibles—Dixon's.</b>					
<b>Rabbit Metal.</b>					
No. 1, "	1 1/2c	No. 3, "	1 1/2c		
No. 2, "	1 1/2c	No. 4, "	1 1/2c		
<b>Copper.</b>					
Brads, 30x50, 14 to 18 lbs. Sheets			35		
" 10, 11 & 12 lbs. "			32		
" 5 and 9 lbs. "			32		
" 6 and 7 lbs. "			34		
Tinned, 14x18, 14 and 16 oz.			30		
Platinized, 14x18, 14 and 16 oz.			30		
" Boiler Sizes, 14 and 16 oz.			30		
Gutter Copper, 20 and 24x75, 18, 11 and 12 lbs. Sheets			30		
" 14 lb. sheets			28		
Reservoir Copper, 16x50 and 18x50			28		
Bar Copper, Square and Round, 5 to 1 1/2 inch			30		
" 1 1/2 inch			31		
Copper Bottoms			28		
Soldering Coppers			30		
<b>Brass.</b>					
Roll, No. 10 to 22, 12 in. in width			30		
" 30, 22 in. in width			30		
" 32, 16 "			30		
" 31, 16 "			30		
" 36, 16 "			30		
Platers, No. 40, 6 "			30		
<b>Brass and Copper Wire.</b>					
Brass, Copper.		Brass, Copper.			
No. 20, "	30c	4c	No. 24, "	37c	47c
" 21, "	30c	4c	" 25, "	37c	47c
" 22, "	30c	4c	" 26, "	37c	47c
" 23, "	30c	4c	" 27, "	37c	47c
Brass Sizing Wire, 2c. 1/2 lb. advance.					
<b>Brass Tubing.</b>					
Plain to No. 20, "	15c	5-16 inch	15c		
" 1/2 inch, "	15c	" 1/2 inch	15c		
<b>Copper Rivets and Bars.</b>					
<b>Brass Rivets—7 to 13 inches.</b>					
all sizes over 13 inches. "					
<b>Sheet Zinc—600 lbs. cask.</b>					
250 lbs. cask, "			7 1/2c		
Sheet, "			7 1/2c		
<b>Wire—Iron, Bright, Market.</b>					
Iron, Coppered Market, "			10 1/2c		
Fence, Nos. 7, 8 and 9, "			10 1/2c		
Trellis, Nos. 10 and 11, "			10 1/2c		
" No. 12, "			10 1/2c		
Hay Baling, Charcoal, No. 7 and 11, "			10 1/2c		
" No. 12, "			10 1/2c		
Broom, Tinned, Nos. 18 to 22, "			10 1/2c		
Fence Staples, "			10 1/2c		
Per 10, "			10 1/2c		
Iron Rivets—Black, papered, "					







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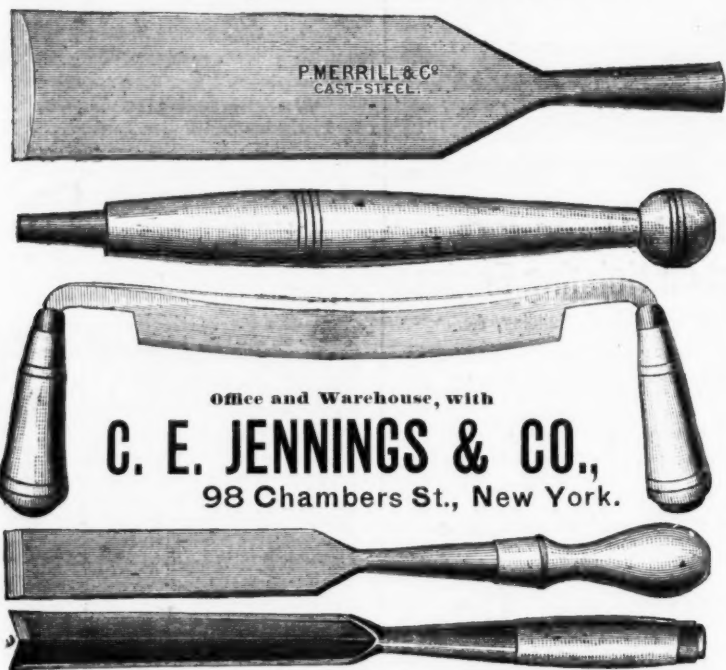
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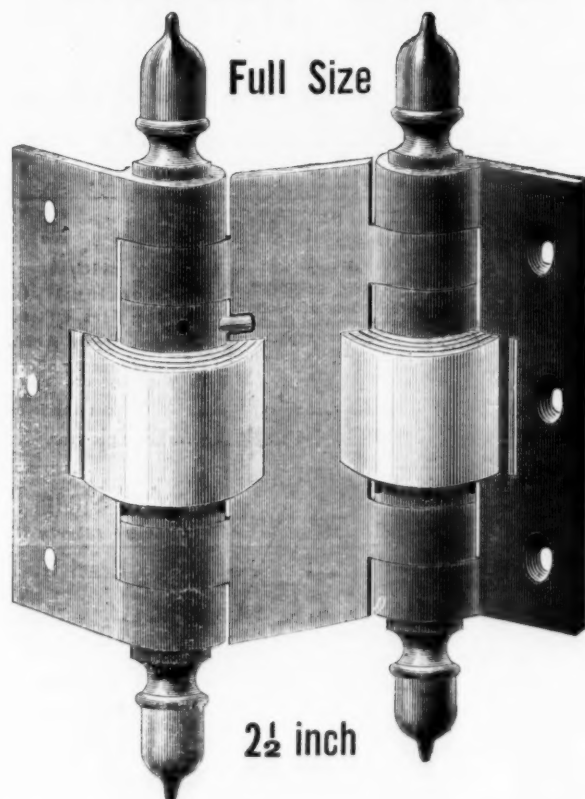
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